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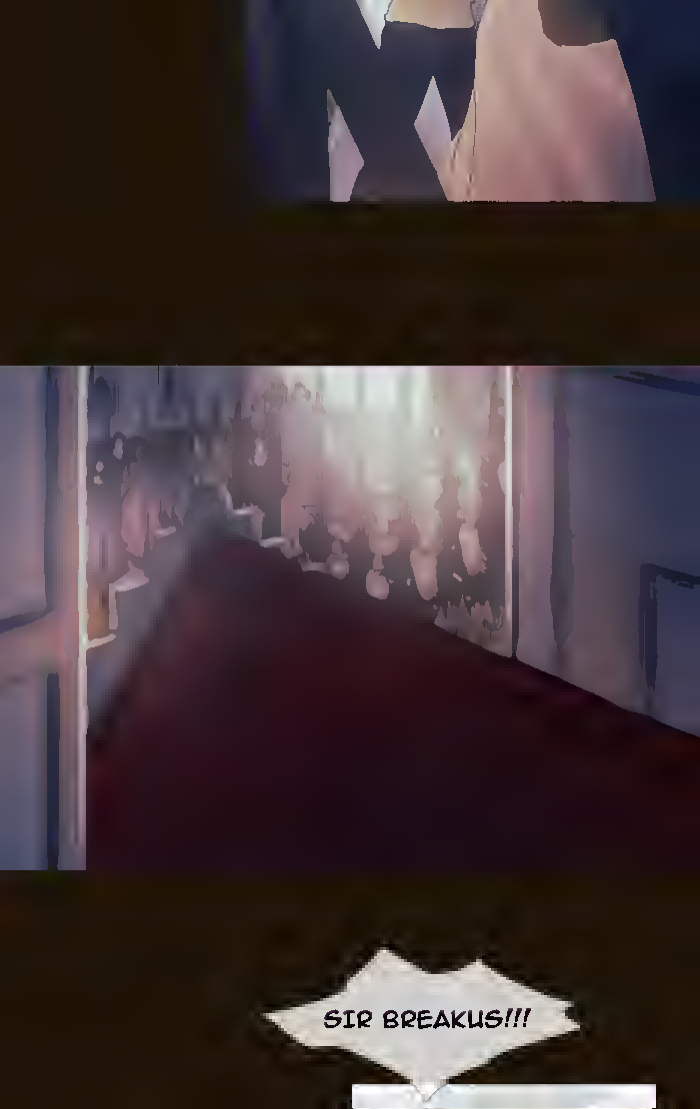

SIR BREAKUS!!!

KYAK!!!
BREAKUS!!!
YOU'RE GONNA MISS THOSE CHANTS ONCE WE LEAVE MYSTY.
HEH.

NOT YOU, TOO, MR. CARL...

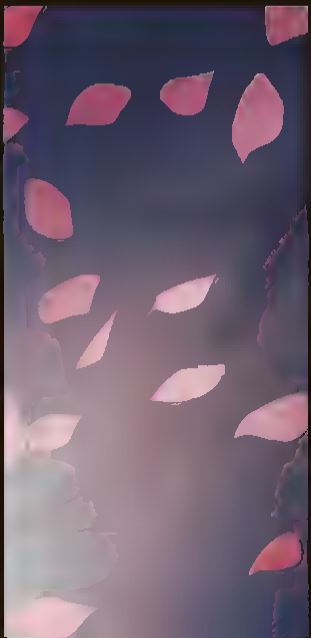
PLEASE DO WELL, MR. SWORDSMAN.

OH, MY. LOOK AT THOSE ARMS

PLEASE CATCH ETHERMASK.

PLEASE BE SAFE, SOLDIERS.

HEH, THIS ISN'T BAD AT ALL
EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT US
KYAK!!!
YEAHHH



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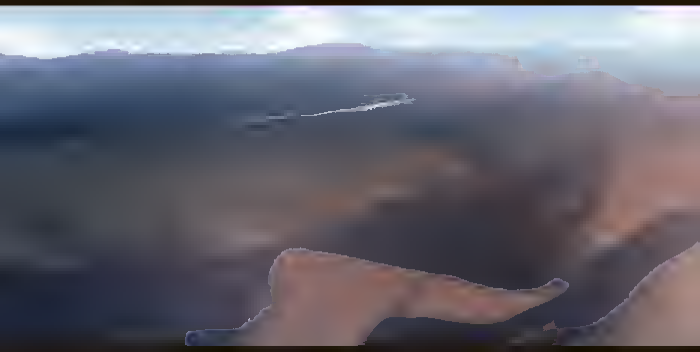
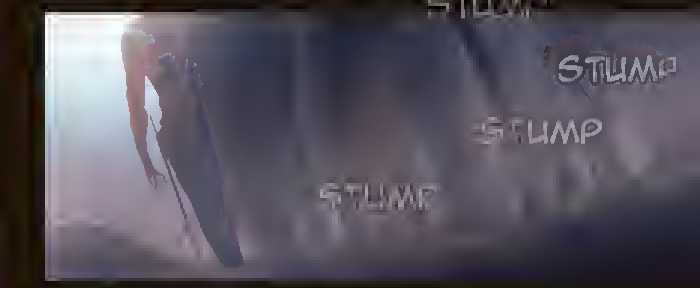




SIGH...

ALL THESE EMOTIONS BEFORE GOING TO WAR IS JUST FOR A SECOND... I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOURS WE'VE BEEN MARCHING...
HAHA
WHAT, YOU'RE TIRED ALREADY?

SIGH, I'M NOT TIRED.
SSH
IT'S JUST THAT...
I DON'T LIKE THAT THERE
POINT

AH...
WE ALL HAVE TO WALK. BUT THOSE TWO ARE ON HORSES...
THAT WAS WHAT IT WAS?
I SHOULD HAVE JUST TAKEN THEM ALL OUT AND BECAME LEADER...
HAHAHA

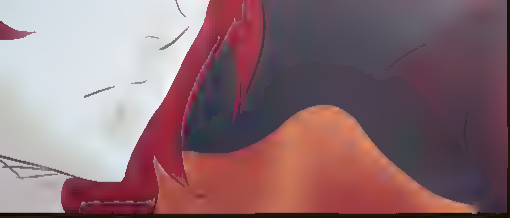
I REALLY CAN'T STAND WATCHING HIM GOING COMFORTABLY.
STOP LAUGHING. DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS UNFAIR?
WHAT IS SO UNFAIR?
EVERYTHING HAS ALREADY BEEN SETTLED.
ELLY IS HANDLING IT WELL, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW HER THAT YOU CAN AS WELL.

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT IF IT MAKES ME ANGRY?

THEM GOING ALL COMFORTABLY IS RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME...

BY THE WAY, THERE WAS A CARRIAGE READY FOR YOU. DON'T YOU REGRET NOT TAKING IT AND COMING WITH US?
HEH.

LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR. I'M JUST MOVING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ABOUT CATCHING UNWANTED ATTENTION HERE.



WHEN THINGS GET HARD, THINK ABOUT OUR GOAL WHY WE'RE GOING TO PHYLLIS...

GOT IT, IREMY?

BESIDES ENZ,

IT WOULD BE BEST TO HIDE ALL OF OUR POWER.
.....
PEOPLE ALREADY HAVE THEIR EYES ON ENZ. IF WE CATCH ANY MORE ATTENTION, PROBLEMS IN OUR PLAN MAY APPEAR
IF POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD QUIETLY MEET WITH ETHERMASK AND GET OUT OF THERE.

IT WOULD ESPECIALLY BE BEST IF YOU DIDN'T GET ANY ATTENTION, IREMY.
MM...
HMPH. I'LL MAKE HIM PAY MANY TIMES OVER.
HAHA. OKAY.

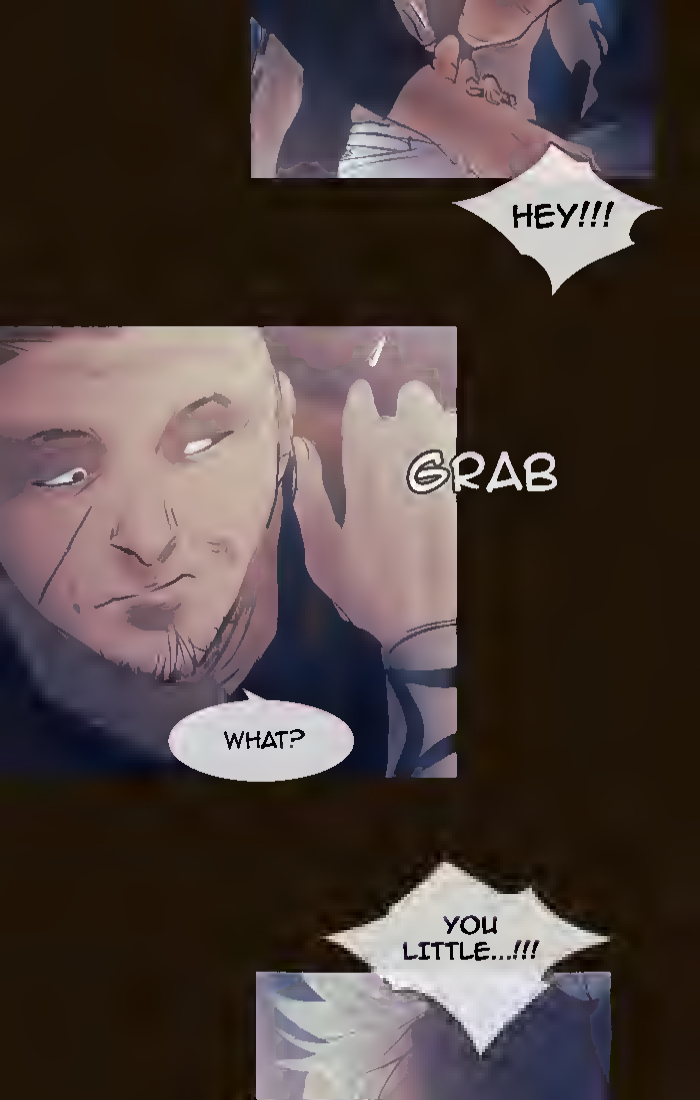
LOOK CAREFULLY.
WHISPER
WHISPER
AH, SO ANNOYING...
OH.
SHE HAS A REALLY
NICE BODY.

HAHA, NICE.
LOOKING AT HER MAKES ME FORGET THAT I'M TIRED
I TOLD YOU, RIGHT? IT'S GOOD THAT WE CAME THIS WAY.
AH, I CAN'T HOLD IT IN ANY LONGER.
SIGH, PIERRE.

YES, MA'AM.
SSH
AH...
HAHAHA

OH, SUCH FLEXIBLE MOVEMENT.
AH, SO NICE.
ACK!!!
DUN DUN
WH, WHAT THE?!!!

DO YOU WANT TO DIE?!!!
GET THAT DIRTY SH*T OUT OF OUR FACES!
YOU... THINK YOU'RE ALL THAT?!!!


HEY!!!
GRAB
WHAT?
YOU LITTLE...!!!

HUMM
ACK... WHAT THE?!!!
I'M ONLY GONNA SAY THIS ONCE.
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE A LONG LIFE, STAND DOWN

IF YOU CATCH MY ATTENTION ONE MORE TIME...
AH...
I'LL RIP APART YOUR LIMBS, SO YOU WON'T EVER BE ABLE TO MOVE AGAIN
GRIT
IF YOU GOT IT, GET LOST

AHHHHH...
FLOP
ACK!
WE'RE SORRY!!!

RUSH
ACKKK!!!
RUN!!!
HEH.
IS IT OVER, PIERRE?
AH. YES, MA'AM. YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ANYMORE.

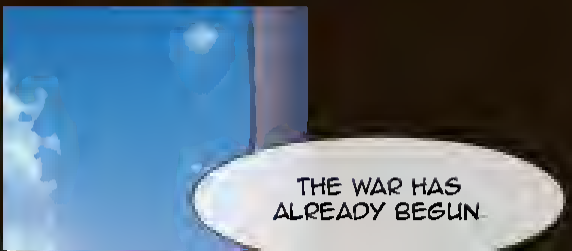
THEY WON'T COME ANYWHERE NEAR YOU.
GOOD JOB. THEN, KEEP FOLLOWING ME FROM BEHIND
STARTLED
WHAT?
WHAT? MAKE SURE NO MORE OF THEM ARE DOING THAT.

I'M SAYING WATCH OVER ME FROM BEHIND
THAT'S...
YES, MY LADY.
SIGH...
IF YOU UNDERSTOOD, LET'S GO.

MM,
THERE'S SOME
FUSS BEHIND US.

AT THIS PACE, WE'LL PASS PHYLLIS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, THEN ENTER THE TERRITORY.
ISN'T THAT TOO EASY?

HAHA. YES. BY NOW, PHYLLIS SHOULD KNOW WE'RE COMING.
IT'S GONNA BE A WAR OF ATTRITION.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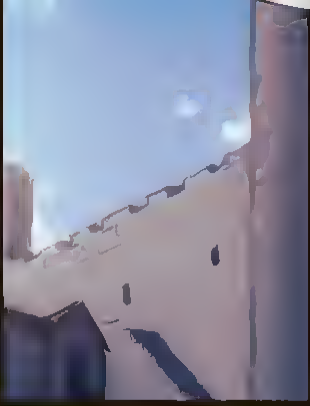


KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK

IT'S GAIS.
YES, WHAT IS IT?
CREAK
WE'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM MYSTY.

IT SAYS THAT 3,000 MORE SOLDIERS HAVE LEFT MYSTY...
AND THEY ARE HEADED HERE
HMM...

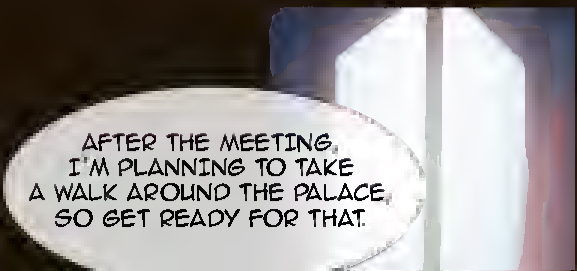
HAVE WE RECEIVED WORD FROM ENOCH?
THERE ISN'T MUCH FROM ENOCH RIGHT NOW, BUT...
WE THINK THE FORCES THERE WILL START MOVING TOMORROW.
MORE THAN A DAY APART...

MM...
WERE THE FORCES IN MYSTY AND ENOCH NOT GONNA ATTACK HERE ALL AT ONCE?
PERHAPS THEY AREN'T LOOKING FOR SOMETHING SHORT-TERM...
CALL FOR EVERYONE

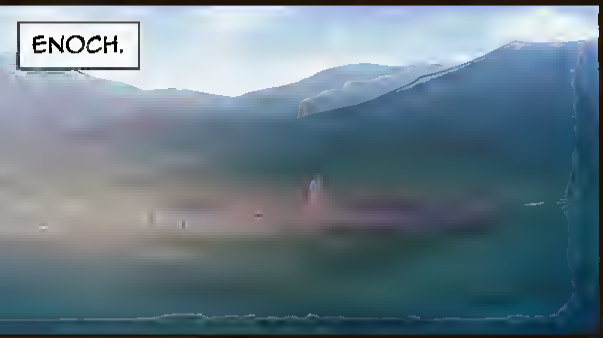
DRR
I'LL GO TO THE MEETING ROOM RIGHT AWAY.
THEY ARE ALREADY...

ALL WAITING FOR YOU IN THE MEETING ROOM, SIR ETHERMASK.
HEH.

YOU'RE GETTING PRETTY GOOD AT THIS.
CLACK
I'M JUST STARTING TO GET YOUR TENDENCIES, THAT'S ALL.


AFTER THE MEETING, I'M PLANNING TO TAKE A WALK AROUND THE PALACE, SO GET READY FOR THAT.

I SHALL LET THE LANDOWNERS KNOW.
OKAY.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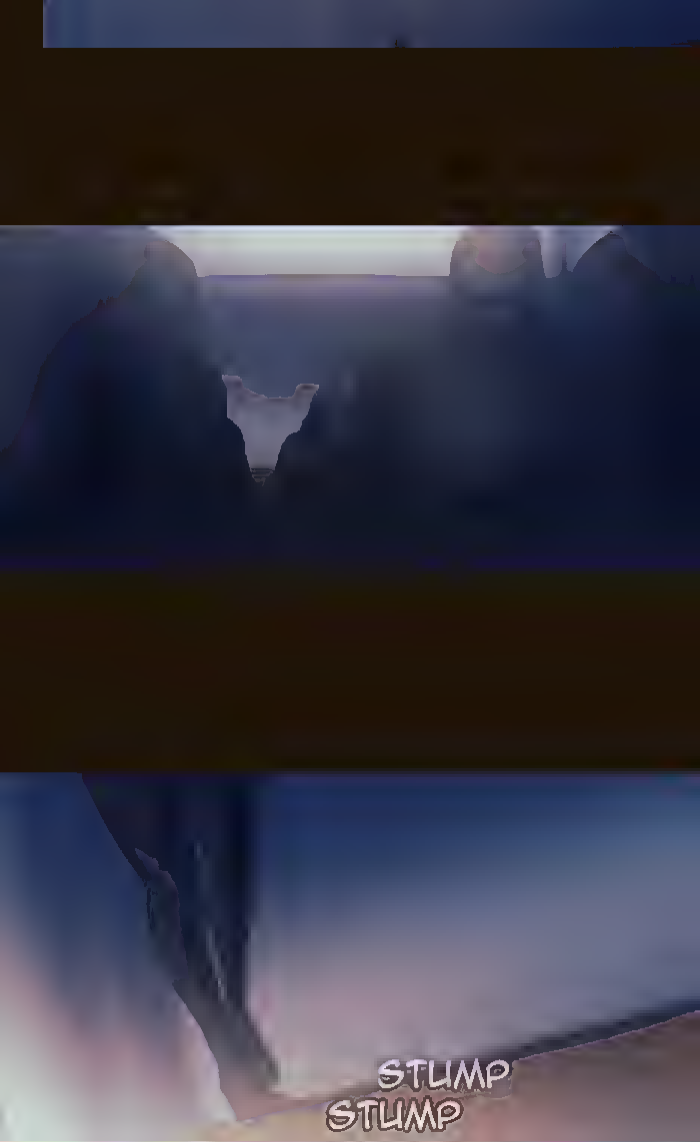
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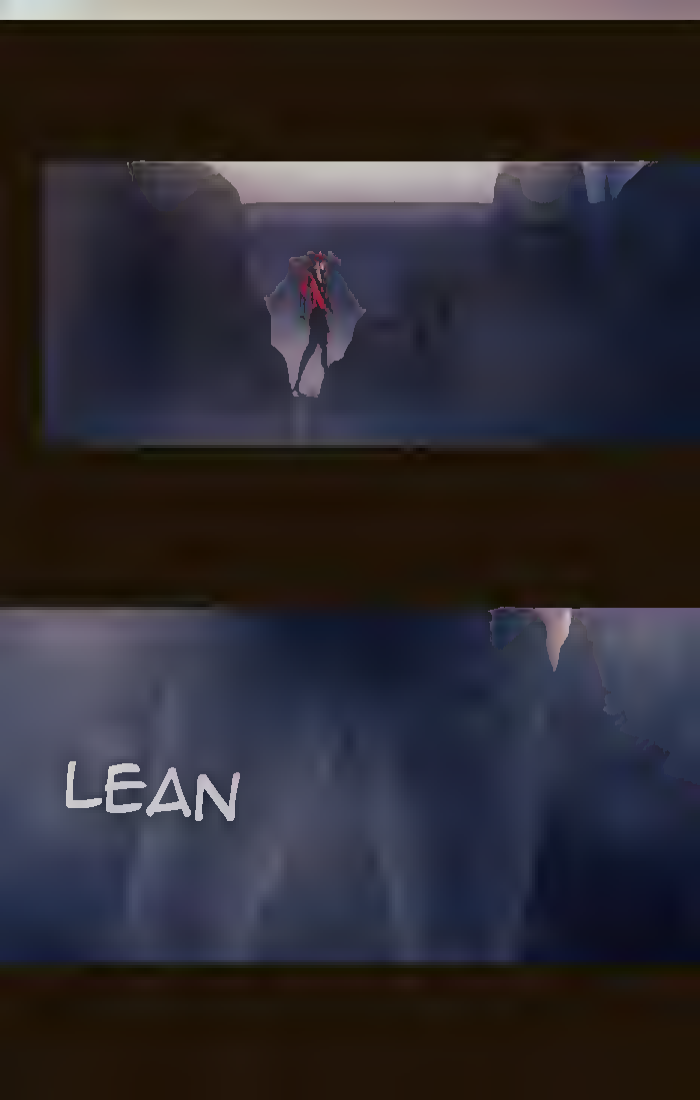

LEAN

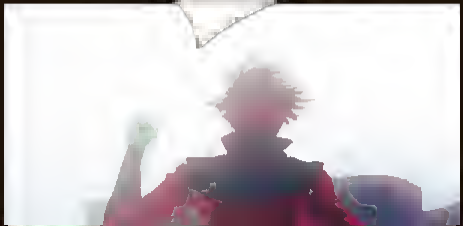
I'M SURE EVERYONE IS HERE, RIGHT?!!!

YES!!!
I'M SURE YOU GUYS WERE JUST ITCHING TO RUN WILD
I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

HAHA.
IT'S ALMOST TIME
THE STAGE FOR ALL YOU
TO RUN WILD IS READY.
WE WILL BE GOING TO
PHYLLIS TOMORROW.

JUST HOLD EVERYTHING IN FOR ONE MORE DAY.

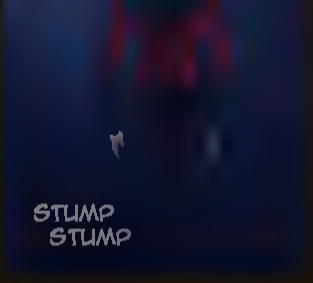
ALL OF YOUR PATIENCE WILL BE REWARDED MANY TIMES OVER!!!



I WON'T SAY MUCH.
I WILL SEE THE FIRE IN ALL OF YOUR EYES TOMORROW.

DISPERSE!!!
EACH GROUP WILL GO TO THEIR ASSIGNED ACCOMMODATION

DINNER WILL BE SERVED ACCORDINGLY AFTER WE HAVE GONE TO OUR ACCOMMODATIONS.
AFTER DINNER, THERE WILL BE A QUICK EXPLANATION OF OUR STRATEGY.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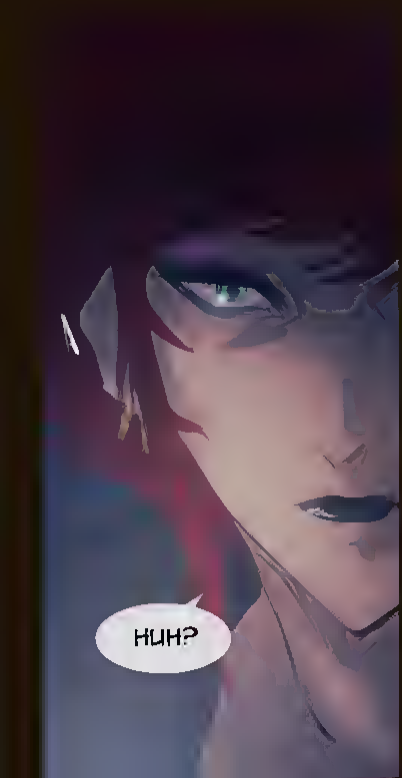
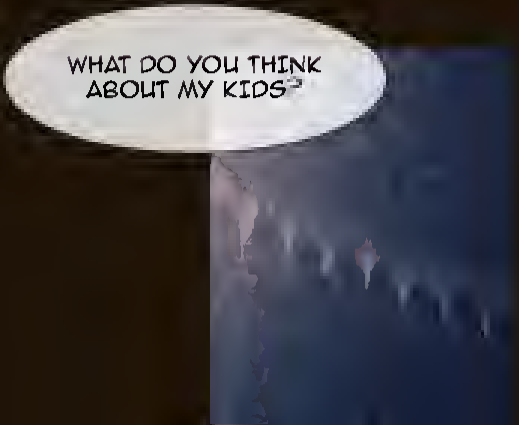

HUH?

HEH.

WERE YOU JUST WATCHING FROM ABOVE LIKE A STREET CAT?


WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT MY KIDS?

COME TO THINK OF IT STRENGTHENED SOLDIERS SHOULD BE UNFAMILIAR TO YOU
YOU CAN SAY THAT THEY ARE THEODORE'S STRONGEST SOLDIERS.
THEY ARE STRONGER THAN ANY GROUP
EVEN IF YOU SAY THEY ARE STRENGTHENED SOLDIERS, THEY ARE JUST SOLDER 1 AND SOLDIER 2 TO ME.

IF THEY CAN'T BREAK DOWN THE PALACE DOORS, THEY'RE JUST THERE FOR APPEARANCE
I DON'T NEED SOLDIERS JUST FOR TALK
WINCE

YOU LITTLE...
GRIT
YOU'RE LOOKING DOWN ON MY SOLDIERS.
YOU THINK WE CAN'T BREAK INTO SOME PALACE THAT'S PROTECTING ETHERMASK?

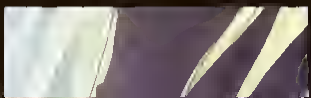
A HUGE GROUP JOINED TOGETHER LIKE THIS ONLY COMES ONCE
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE LOOKING DOWN ON ETHERMASK SO MUCH?

HAHAHAHAHA. LOOKING DOWN ON ETHERMASK?!!!
HAHAHAHA. YOU'RE SO FUNNY!!!
AH, HOW ABSURD.

YOU MAKE ME LAUGH BECAUSE YOU SAY SUCH OBVIOUS THINGS.

HE'S JUST SOMEONE WHO COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO ZENUS, GOT HURT, AND RAN AWAY.

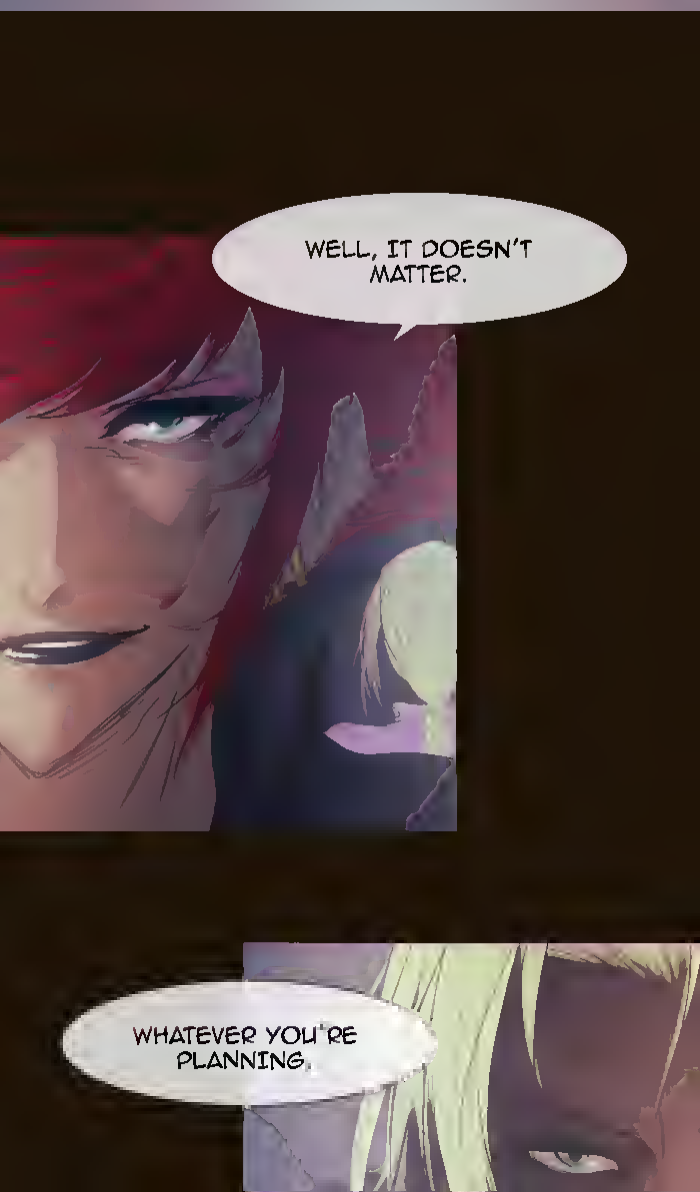
DO I NEED TO BE SCARED OF SOMEONE LIKE THAT? YOU MUST HAVE LOST YOUR SENSES WHILE YOU WERE LOCKED AWAY.

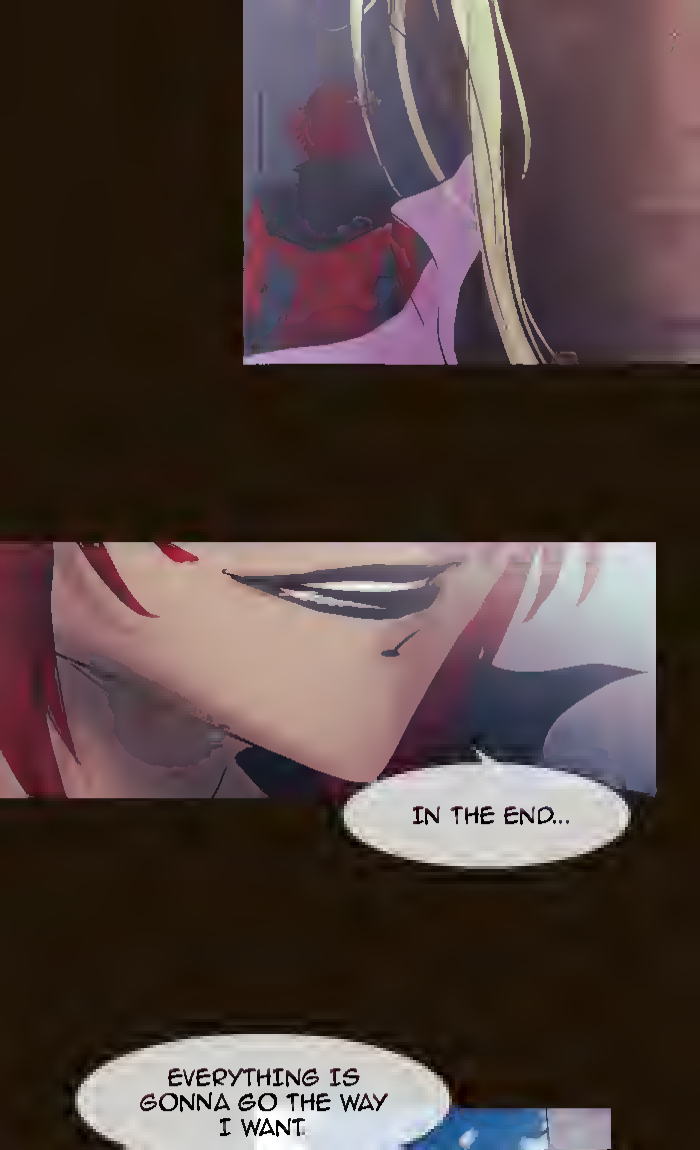


I DON'T KNOW WHY ZENUS IS STICKING OUT HIS NECK FOR YOU.
.....
NICE. I LIKE YOUR CONFIDENCE.

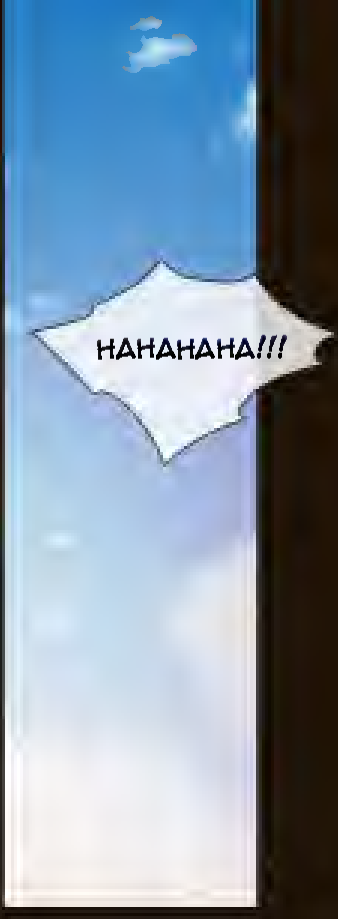
THEN, THERE'S NOTHING FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT.
TAP
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING GOOD RESULTS. SO DON'T LET ME DOWN.

THERE SHOULD BE SOMETHING WITH ETHERMASK...
MM
I REALLY HATE GUYS WHO I CAN'T READ
CREEPY BASTARD.


WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
WHATEVER YOU'RE PLANNING,


IN THE END...
EVERYTHING IS GONNA GO THE WAY I WANT

HAHAHA.
ETHERMASK, ETHAN... I'LL MAKE THEM GET ON THEIR KNEES AND LICK MY BOOTS.
HAHAHAHA.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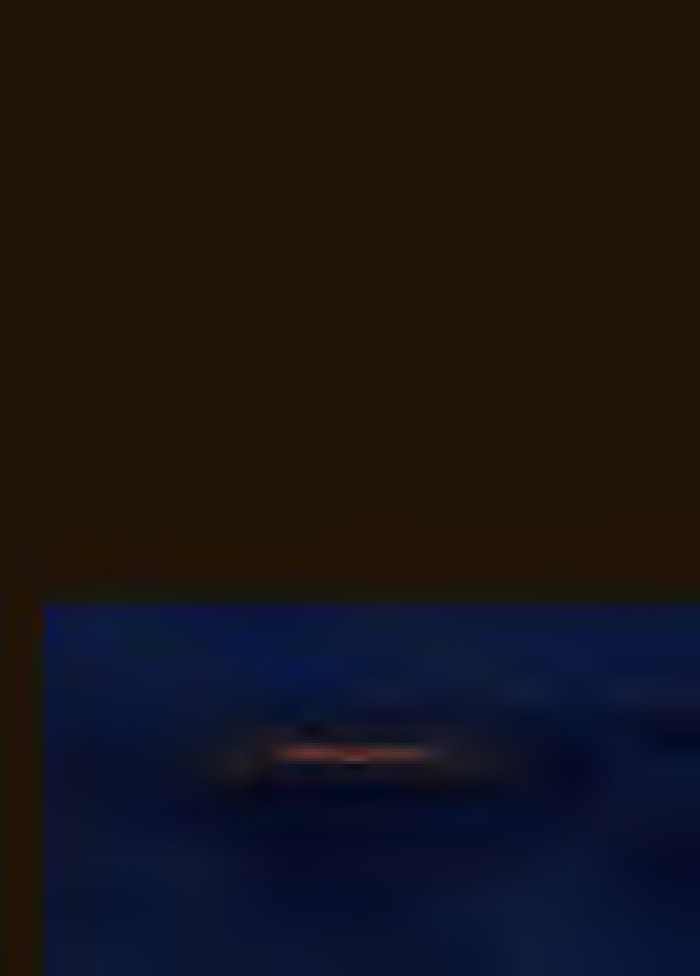
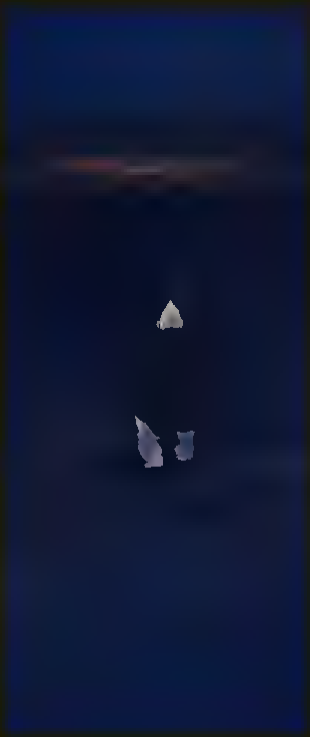




HOW IS IT? YOU THINK IT WILL PASS?
SSH
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME. WE NEED TO FINISH BEFORE THE OTHER FORCES GET HERE.

MM, WELL...
IT'S BEEN 12 YEARS SINCE I'VE BEEN IN PHYLLIS...
GRIN

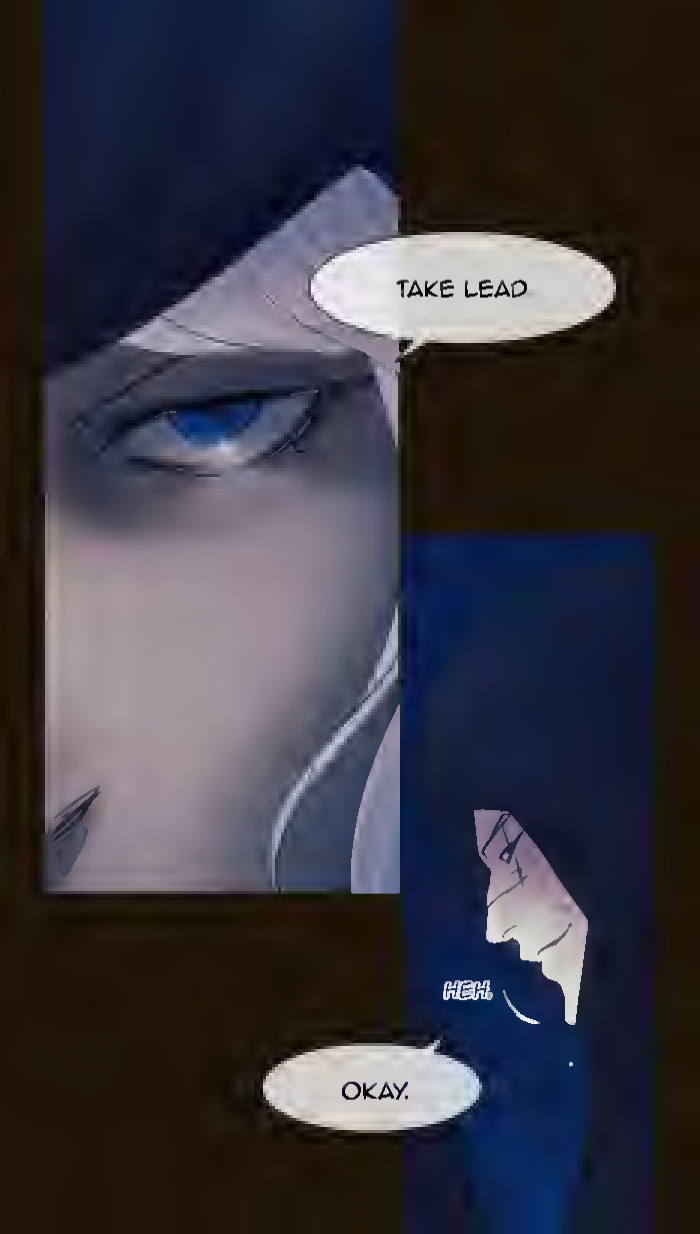
WE'RE GONNA NEED TO GO DOWN THERE TO KNOW.

MM...
SHOULD WE HAVE COME SOONER? IT HAS GOTTEN HARDER FOR US TO MOVE.

NO, THIS IS JUST FINE.
WE WOULD HAVE JUST WASTED TIME IF WE GOT HERE SOONER
GET READY.
WE'RE GOING.

GOT IT.
AND, DON'T FORGET TO MOVE ACCORDING TO PLAN.

SSH
YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME MULTIPLE TIMES FOR ME TO REMEMBER.
MM MM
STOP WORRYING ABOUT USELESS THINGS, AND...


TAKE LEAD
HEH.
OKAY.

FOLLOW ME
TO BE CONTINUED...

LINE Webtoon

CLACK

AH, THIS IS REALLY ABSURD.

WHAT DOES HE HAVE NOT TO TRUST TO FOLLOW US ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?
POUT

HE SAID HE TRUSTED MR. CARL AND ENZ. BUT NOW HE CAN'T TRUST THEM?
HMPH!
TELL ME ABOUT IT I'M SURE HE DIDN'T FIND OUT ABOUT OUR PLAN
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BECAUSE MR. CARL HASN'T BEEN AROUND FOR A WHILE?

IT HAS BEEN AROUND 10 YEARS SINCE HE RETIRED

YOU THINK HE DOESN'T TRUST HIM IN BATTLE?

PFFT. SUCH A LOSER...

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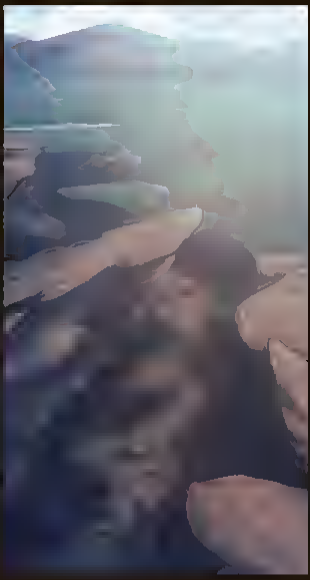
CLACK
CLACK
THINGS HAVE GOTTEN A BIT COMPLICATED
SIGH...
TO THINK HE WOULD STAY WITH US...

OUR PLANS WON'T GET RUINED BECAUSE OF THIS, RIGHT?
HEH.
NO, IT CAN ACTUALLY WORK IN OUR FAVOR.

I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHY HE'S STICKING WITH US.
IF I WERE HIM, I WOULDN'T JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF THE FIELD FOR 10 YEARS, EITHER.
CLACK CLACK
HIS THINKING ACTUALLY MAKES A LOT OF SENSE.

AND THE DICE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ROLLED
THERE'S NO NEEDS TO THINK SO HARD ON THIS. WE JUST NEED TO ROLL HIGH

SO, DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH.
I HAVE FAITH IN MY SKILLS.



BUSTLE
BUSTLE
GULP
GULP

IT ISN'T ALL THAT EASY RIDING A HORSE THE WHOLE DAY.
HAHA, YOU THINK SO?
BUT, IF YOU WERE TO SAY THAT OVER THERE...
AH...

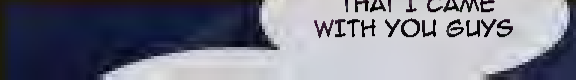
YOU WON'T HEAR ANYTHING NICE.
HAHA. I OBVIOUSLY KNOW NOT TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN FRONT OF IREMY.
SHE WAS COMPLAINING SO MUCH YESTERDAY... HAHA.

WHEW...
FLOP
CAN I HAVE A DRINK, TOO?
AH, YES.

HAHA. THANK YOU.
GULP
GULP

AH, THAT'S REFRESHING.
HAHAHA. THESE LONG JOURNEYS ARE HARD NOW THAT I'M OLD.

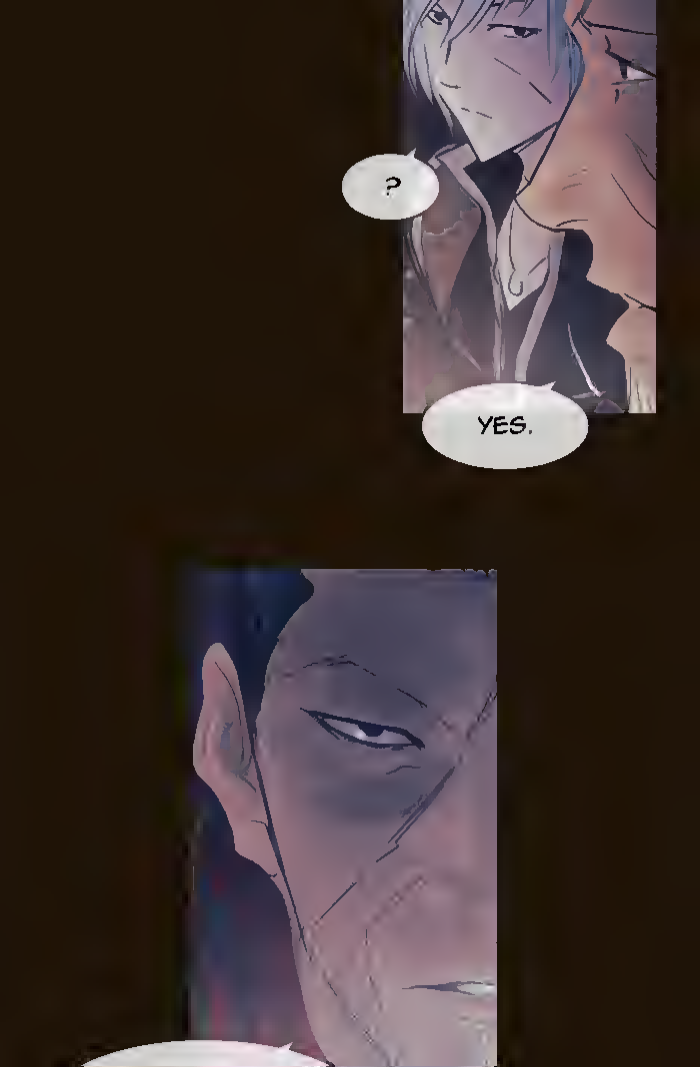
ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?


THAT I CAME WITH YOU GUYS

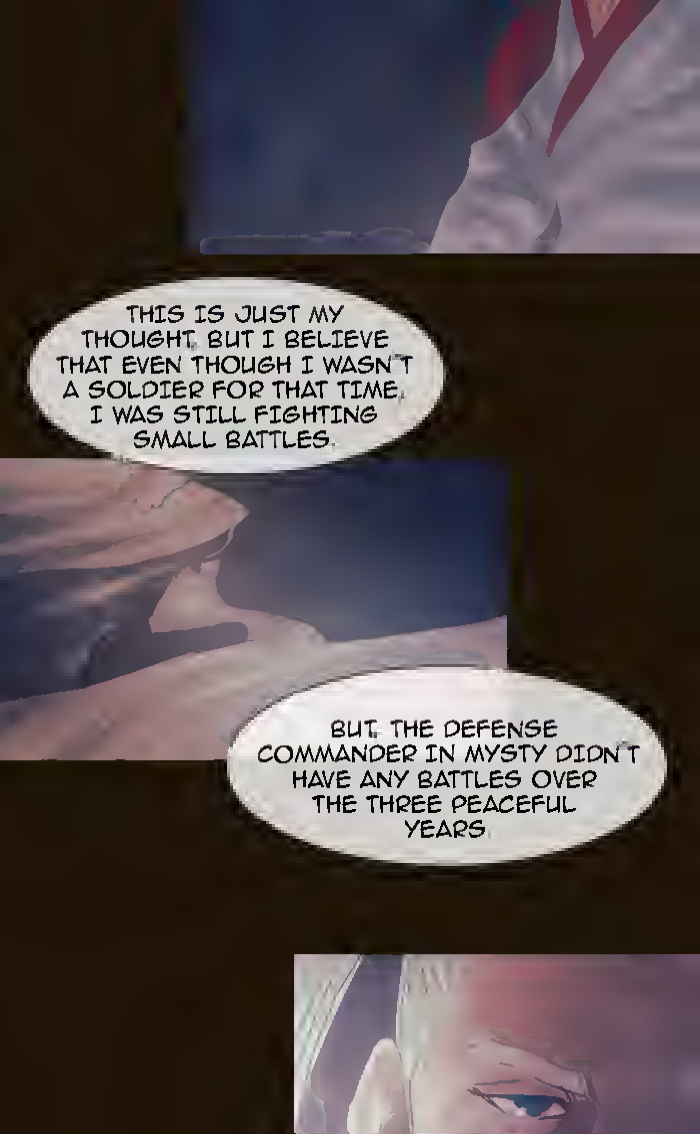
I'M ASKING BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT LIKE THAT I CAME HERE WITH YOU GUYS
AHH...
I'M SURE YOU GUYS WOULDN'T LIKE MY ACTIONS WHEN I HAVE GIVEN YOU COMMAND
THOSE GUYS HAVE EYES, I KNOW.

NO, I UNDERSTAND COMPLETELY.
OH, REALLY?
I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT STRATEGIZING IN A MEETING ROOM IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM COMMANDING IN THE BATTLEFIELD.
I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE BATTLEFIELD FOR 10 YEARS.
SO, YOU HAVING YOUR SUSPICIOUS IS COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDABLE.

OH...
BUT ONE THING...
ONE THING?


?
YES.

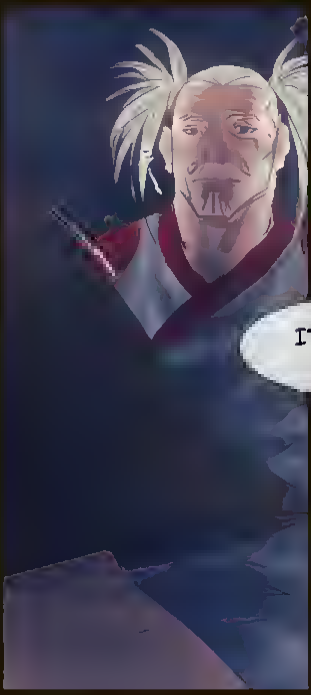
THE SUSPICION IN REAL BATTLE.
AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, IT HAS BEEN ALMOST 4 YEARS SINCE THE WAR HAS BEEN OVER.
MM, SO?


THIS IS JUST MY THOUGHT, BUT I BELIEVE THAT EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T A SOLDIER FOR THAT TIME, I WAS STILL FIGHTING SMALL BATTLES.
BUT, THE DEFENSE COMMANDER IN MYSTY DIDN'T HAVE ANY BATTLES OVER THE THREE PEACEFUL YEARS.

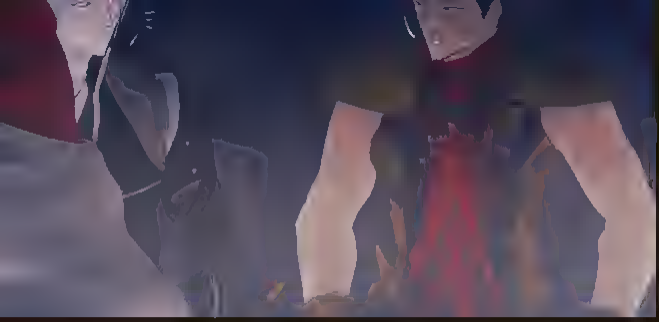
THAT'S WHAT HAS BEEN ON MY MIND
HE HAS SERVED MUCH IN THE UNIFICATION WAR

AND HE HAS GONE OVER THE STRATEGIES WITH ME A NUMEROUS AMOUNT OF TIMES.

DO YOU FEEL I WAS WRONG?


HAHA, NO.
IT'S JUST THAT...
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE MAIN UNIT

GRIN
AH...



WE'VE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME.

IT WOULD BE BEST TO HURRY IF WE WANT TO MAKE IT ON TIME.
LET'S MOVE.

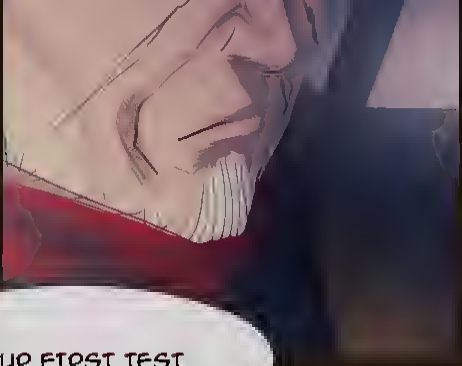
BREAK TIME'S OVER!!!

WE'RE GONNA MOVE RIGHT AWAY!!!
STOP MESSING AROUND AND HURRY!!!
WE CAN'T GET ANY REAL REST.
PHT, WE DIDN'T EVEN GET TO REST MUCH...

PHAT

SANTIVANA

WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH.
LET'S SEE IF YOUR STRATEGIC SKILLS ARE AS GOOD AS YOUR SKILLS ON THE BATTLEFIELD...
THE BATTLE AT THE OLD PALACE WILL BE...


YOUR FIRST TEST

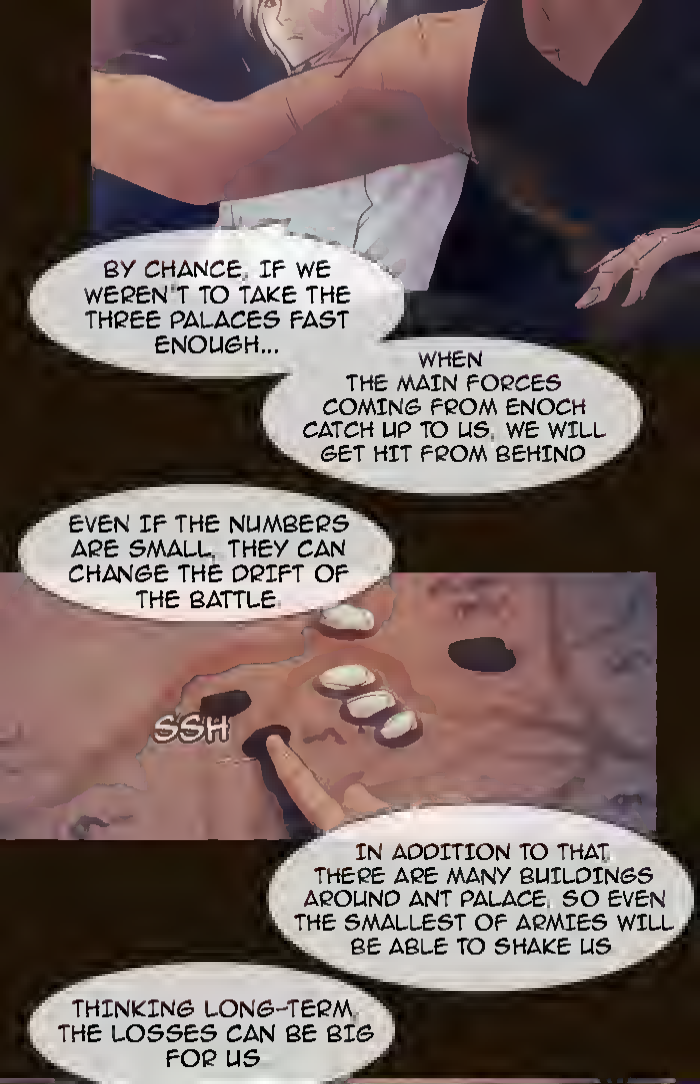
I WILL TRY MY BEST
HAHA, YOU'RE GONNA NEED TO
CLACK
CLACK
IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF MY GRASP THAT IS

LET'S HEAR HOW YOU WANT TO ATTACK THE OLD PALACE.
.....
THE ATTACK ON THE OLD PALACE IS OUR AUTHORITY.

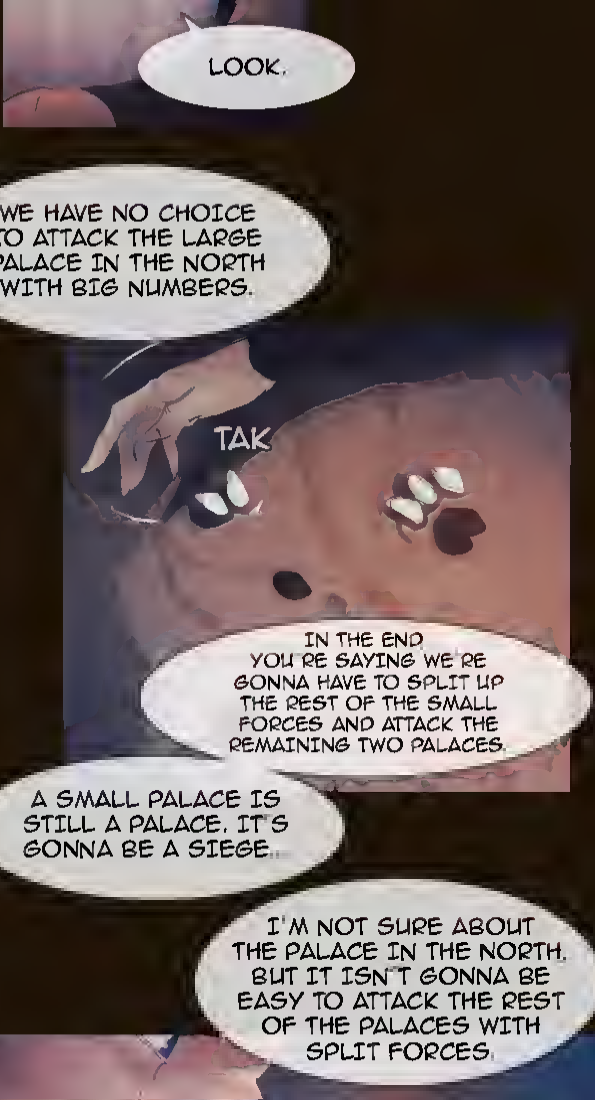
DON'T BE SHY AND TELL US.
THEN, I'LL START.
INSTEAD OF ATTACKING ONE BY ONE,
I RECOMMEND SPLITTING OUR FORCES INTO THREE AND ATTACK ALL 3 PALACES AT ONCE

TAP
THAT WOULD MEAN LESSENING THE POWER OF OUR FORCES.
HMM...
WOULD WE GAIN FROM THIS PLAN?

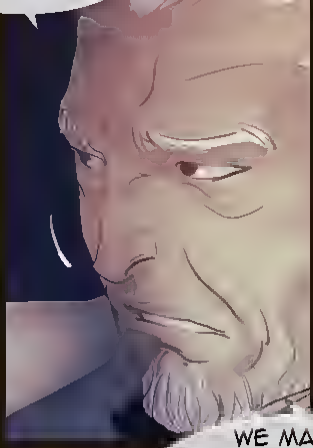
I THINK THAT IF WE WERE TO ATTACK THE BIGGEST PALACE ON THE NORTH SIDE, THEN START GOING DOWN...
WOULD BE THE EASIEST METHOD... DON'T YOU THINK?
IF WE WERE TO DO THAT, THAT GIVES THEM TIME TO GET READY.
IF THEY GATHER FORCES AT THE PALACE IN THE SOUTH, THAT WILL END UP TAKING A BIG CHUNK OF OUR TIME


BY CHANCE, IF WE WEREN'T TO TAKE THE THREE PALACES FAST ENOUGH...
WHEN THE MAIN FORCES COMING FROM ENOCH CATCH UP TO US, WE WILL GET HIT FROM BEHIND
EVEN IF THE NUMBERS ARE SMALL, THEY CAN CHANGE THE DRIFT OF THE BATTLE
SSH
IN ADDITION TO THAT, THERE ARE MANY BUILDINGS AROUND ANT PALACE, SO EVEN THE SMALLEST OF ARMIES WILL BE ABLE TO SHAKE US
THINKING LONG-TERM, THE LOSSES CAN BE BIG FOR US

IT CAN COME BACK TO BITE US.
BUT, WE CAN HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM IF WE SPLIT OUR FORCES UP

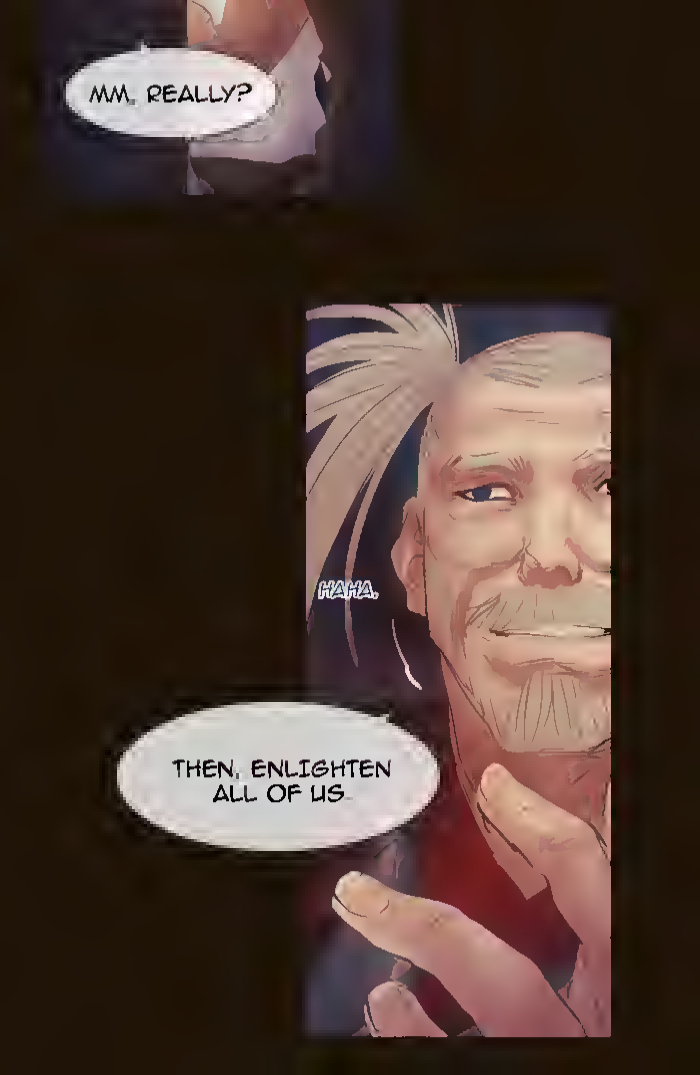

LOOK.
WE HAVE NO CHOICE TO ATTACK THE LARGE PALACE IN THE NORTH WITH BIG NUMBERS.
TAK
IN THE END YOU'RE SAYING WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO SPLIT UP THE REST OF THE SMALL FORCES AND ATTACK THE REMAINING TWO PALACES.
A SMALL PALACE IS STILL A PALACE. IT'S GONNA BE A SIEGE.
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE PALACE IN THE NORTH. BUT IT ISN'T GONNA BE EASY TO ATTACK THE REST OF THE PALACES WITH SPLIT FORCES.

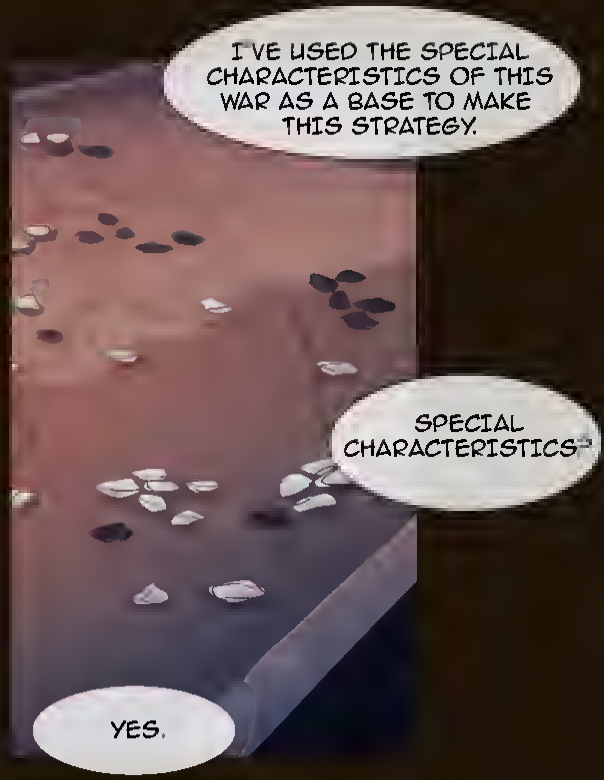
WORST CARE SCENARIO, WE WILL FAIL AND LOSE A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR SOLDIERS.
IF THAT HAPPENS, WE'LL END UP GETTING WIPED OUT BEFORE WE EVEN JOIN THE OTHERS.
THIS STRATEGY IS TOO DANGEROUS.
POSSIBLY...



WE MAY GET ISOLATED AND ATTACKED BY THE ENEMIES.

I DIDN'T JUST COME UP WITH THIS PLAN. I'VE CALCULATED MANY DIFFERENT SITUATIONS.


MM. REALLY?
HAHA.
THEN, ENLIGHTEN ALL OF US


I'VE USED THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS WAR AS A BASE TO MAKE THIS STRATEGY.
SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS?
YES.

I'VE TRIED TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS WAR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, THE STRATEGY HAS ALREADY BEEN SPREAD OUT TO THE CONTINENT A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO.
CLATTER
THAT MEANS THE TIME TO GET READY WAS ENOUGH
IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE PLAN IS VERY CLEAR THAT EVEN THE DAY WE GO TO WAR IS ALREADY SET.

AS LONG AS ETHERMASK ISN'T AN IDIOT, HE SHOULD KNOW THE STRENGTH OF OUR ARMY.

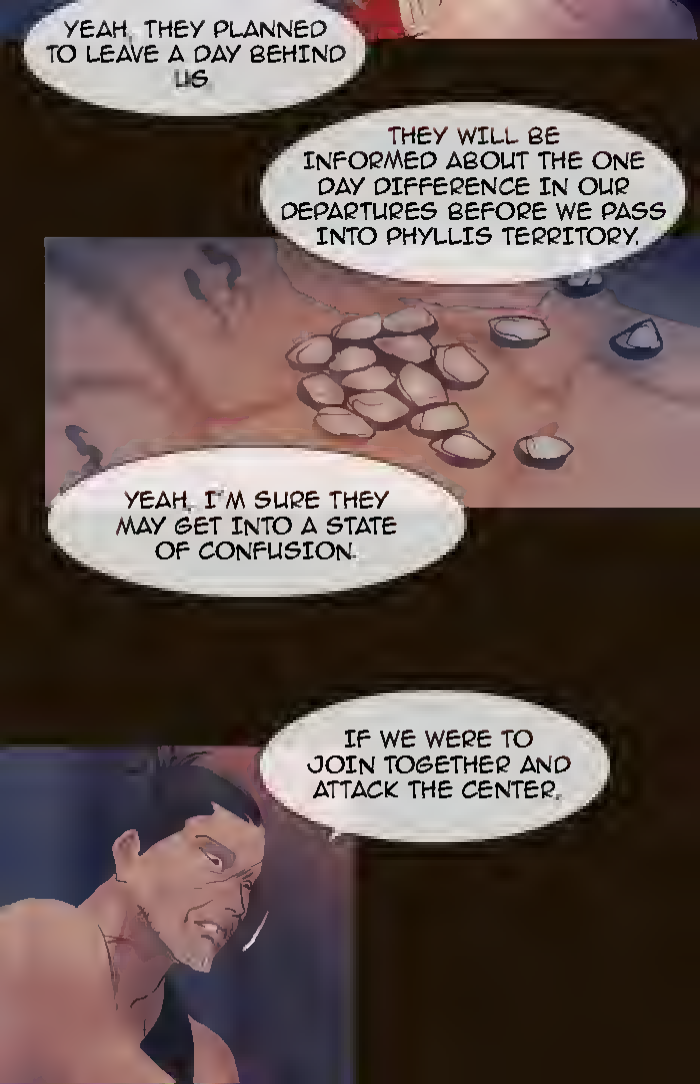
HE SHOULD BE WEIGHING OUT OUR ARMY AND PICKING OUT HIS BEST LOCATION.

THE DIFFERENCE IN THE POWER CANNOT BE HELPED
PHYLLIS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THE GROWING RATE OF OUR ARMY.
MM...
THEN, ANT PALACE WILL END UP HAVING TO BE THE CONTROLLING POINT OF POWER FOR PHYLLIS...
I'M SURE THAT THE NUMBERS OF THE THREE PALACES ARE SMALLER THAN WE'D THINK.

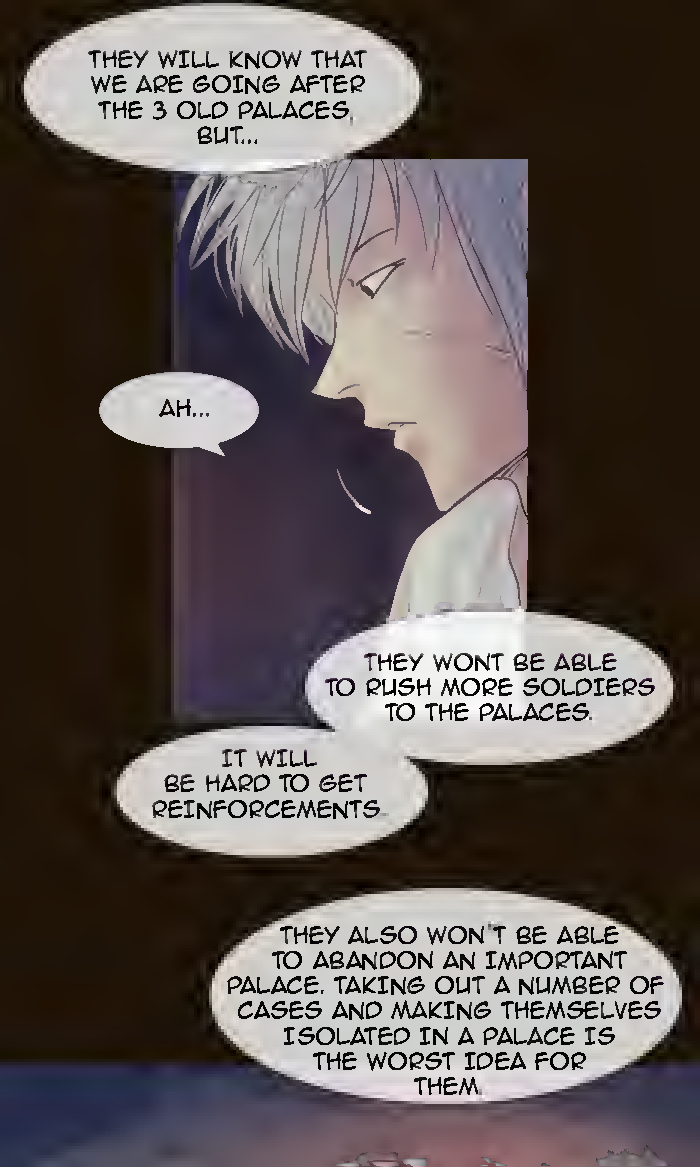
EVEN IF WE SPLIT UP AND ATTACK, THE ATTACK WILL BE VERY POSSIBLE
BUT, THE DEFENSE WILL HAVE THE UPPER HAND AGAINST THE SIEGE NO MATTER WHAT.
EVEN IF THEIR NUMBERS ARE SMALL, WE CAN'T AVOID LOSSES.
EVEN IF WE SPLIT UP AND ATTACK, IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME.
IF ANT PALACE ENDS UP GETTING REINFORCEMENTS...

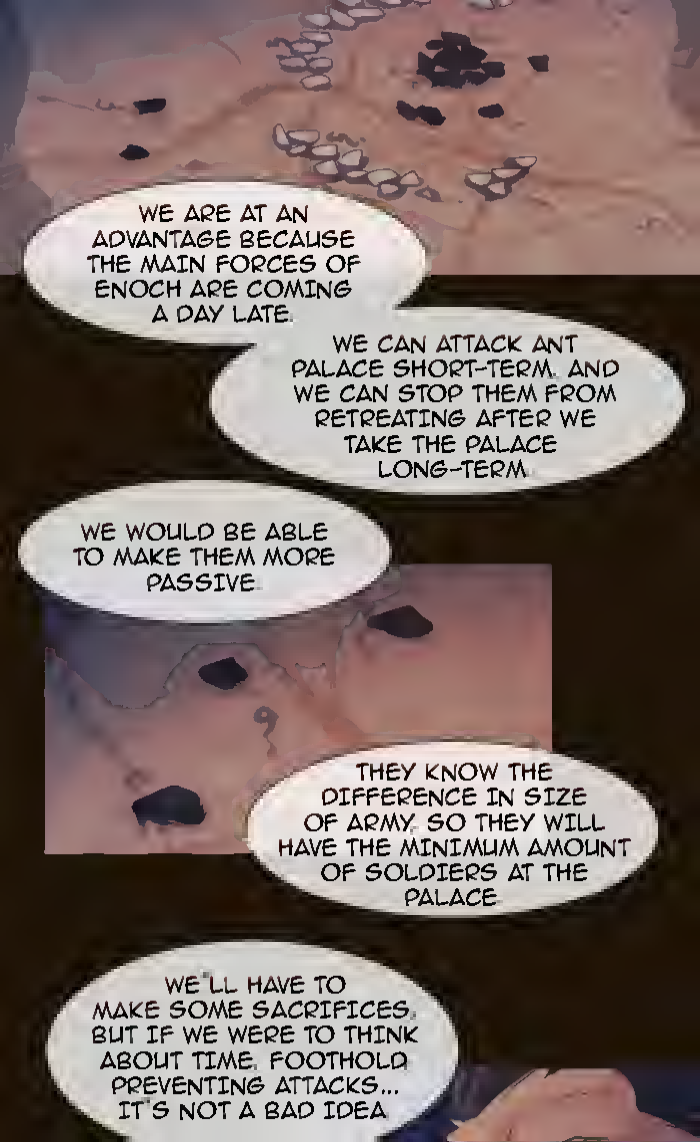
AH...
YES.

THE MAIN FORCES FROM ENOCH
CLATTER
I FORGOT ABOUT THIS


YEAH. THEY PLANNED TO LEAVE A DAY BEHIND US.
THEY WILL BE INFORMED ABOUT THE ONE DAY DIFFERENCE IN OUR DEPARTURES BEFORE WE PASS INTO PHYLLIS TERRITORY.
YEAH. I'M SURE THEY MAY GET INTO A STATE OF CONFUSION.
IF WE WERE TO JOIN TOGETHER AND ATTACK THE CENTER.

I'M SURE PHYLLIS' BASIC PLAN IS TO ATTACK US FROM BEHIND WITH THE PALACE ARMIES
BUT, IF WE WERE TO SPLIT THE FORCES UP...
IT WOULD KIND OF BE A WASTE FOR THEM TO COME AND ATTACK US


THEY WILL KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING AFTER THE 3 OLD PALACES, BUT...
AH...
THEY WONT BE ABLE TO RUSH MORE SOLDIERS TO THE PALACES.
IT WILL BE HARD TO GET REINFORCEMENTS.
THEY ALSO WON'T BE ABLE TO ABANDON AN IMPORTANT PALACE, TAKING OUT A NUMBER OF CASES AND MAKING THEMSELVES ISOLATED IN A PALACE IS THE WORST IDEA FOR THEM.

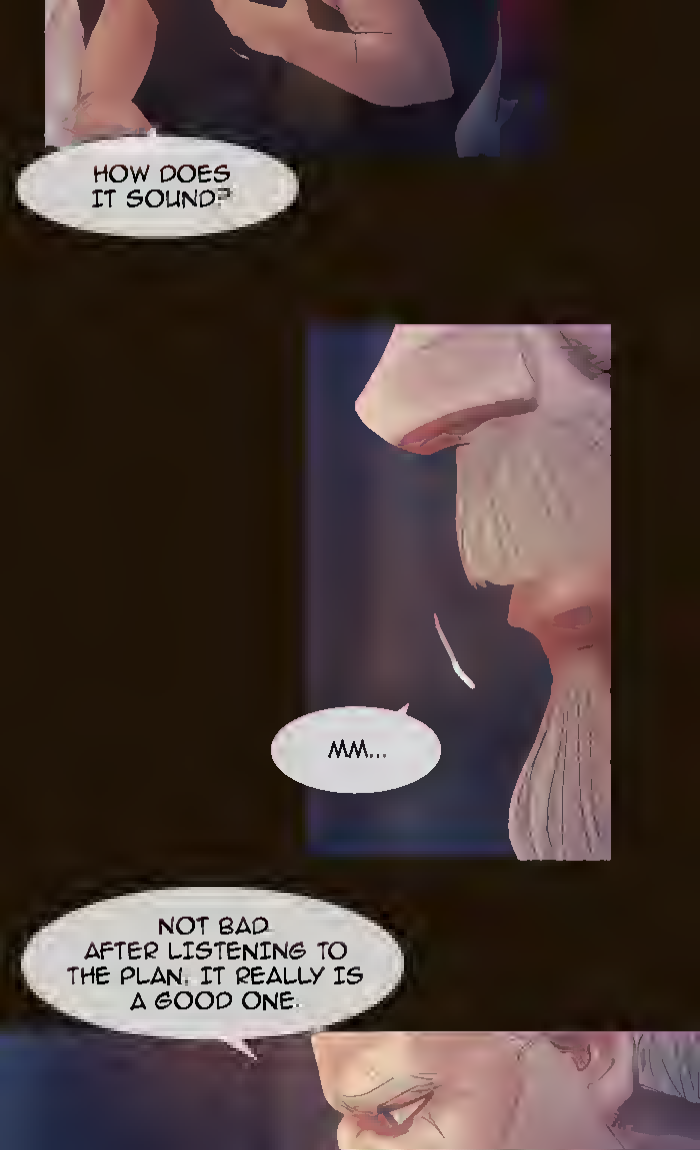

WE ARE AT AN ADVANTAGE BECAUSE THE MAIN FORCES OF ENOCH ARE COMING A DAY LATE.
WE CAN ATTACK ANT PALACE SHORT-TERM, AND WE CAN STOP THEM FROM RETREATING AFTER WE TAKE THE PALACE LONG-TERM.
WE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THEM MORE PASSIVE.
THEY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE OF ARMY, SO THEY WILL HAVE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF SOLDIERS AT THE PALACE
WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOME SACRIFICES, BUT IF WE WERE TO THINK ABOUT TIME, FOOTHOLD PREVENTING ATTACKS... IT'S NOT A BAD IDEA

SSH
AND WE...
WE HAVE THE MERCENARY KING WHO'S FAMOUS FOR SIEGE WARFARE

EVERYONE KNOWS THIS WITHOUT ME TELLING THEM.

TAKING OVER A SMALL PALACE WITH A SMALL ARMY WON'T BE A BIG PROBLEM TO THE MERCENARY KING.

WITH THIS MUCH POWER, IT WILL ACTUALLY BE PRETTY EASY TO TAKE OVER THE THREE PALACES.


HOW DOES IT SOUND?
MM...
NOT BAD AFTER LISTENING TO THE PLAN. IT REALLY IS A GOOD ONE.

THIS A REMARKABLE STRATEGY.
HOW ARE YOU PLANNING TO MANAGE THE TROOPS?
IF I'M ALLOWED TO HANDLE THEM ON MY OWN...
MYSTY'S DEFENSE FORCES WILL GO TO THE NORTH PALACE.

THE MERCENARY KING'S TROOPS. WHICH IS SMALL IN NUMBERS YET HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCES WILL TAKE THE CENTER.

AND THE SOUTH PALACE...
BREAKUS AND I WILL HANDLE THE SOUTH PALACE.
OH...

HMM. YOU SEEM CONFIDENT ABOUT THIS.
YOU GUYS ARE GONNA COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER?
I JUST THINK THAT IF THE SMALL NUMBER OF MEN ARE GOING. IT WOULD WOULD BE BEST TO GO WITH GROUPS THAT ARE USED TO EACH OTHER. THAT WOULD LEAD TO HIGHER SUCCESS

AND I'M NOT LOOKING FOR ANYTHING SPECIAL, BUT...
IF IT'S COMPETITION PEOPLE MAY TRY HARDER AND USE THAT AS A DRIVING FORCE.

I SHOULD GET A REWARD READY.
USING THIS COMPETITION TO BRING GROUPS TOGETHER WILL BE VERY HELPFUL
AND PEOPLE WILL TRY HARDER IF THERE IS A REWARD

THE DEFENSE FORCES WILL FEEL THE DIGNITY OF BEING IN A REAL ARMY.
THE MERCENARIES WILL NOT BE SHAKEN IN THE CENTER.

THE BOUNTY HUNTERS WILL SHOW THEIR WORTH.
WE ARE ALL GONNA GO WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT.
ARE YOU NERVOUS?

AH...

CLACK

CLACK

NO. I JUST HAVE SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

EARLIER, YOU SAID THAT ALL WE NEEDED WAS TO ROLL A HIGH NUMBER, BUT....
IF EVERYONE ROLLS A HIGH NUMBER...

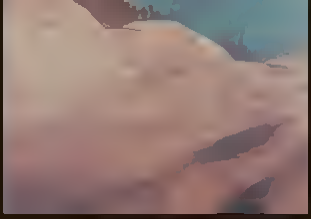
HAHAHAHA.

IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT?

DON'T WORRY.
THOSE GUYS WILL END UP MAKING A MISTAKE FIRST
?
AFTER WE DO OUR JOB RIGHT

WE JUST NEED TO WAIT
THERE IS A REASON FOR ME TO BRING UP COMPETITION WHEN WE WERE ALL TOGETHER.

I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE MERCENARY KING, BUT...
I'M SURE THE DEFENSE COMMANDER WILL MAKE A MISTAKE.
WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO LOSE. BUT HE SURE DOES.



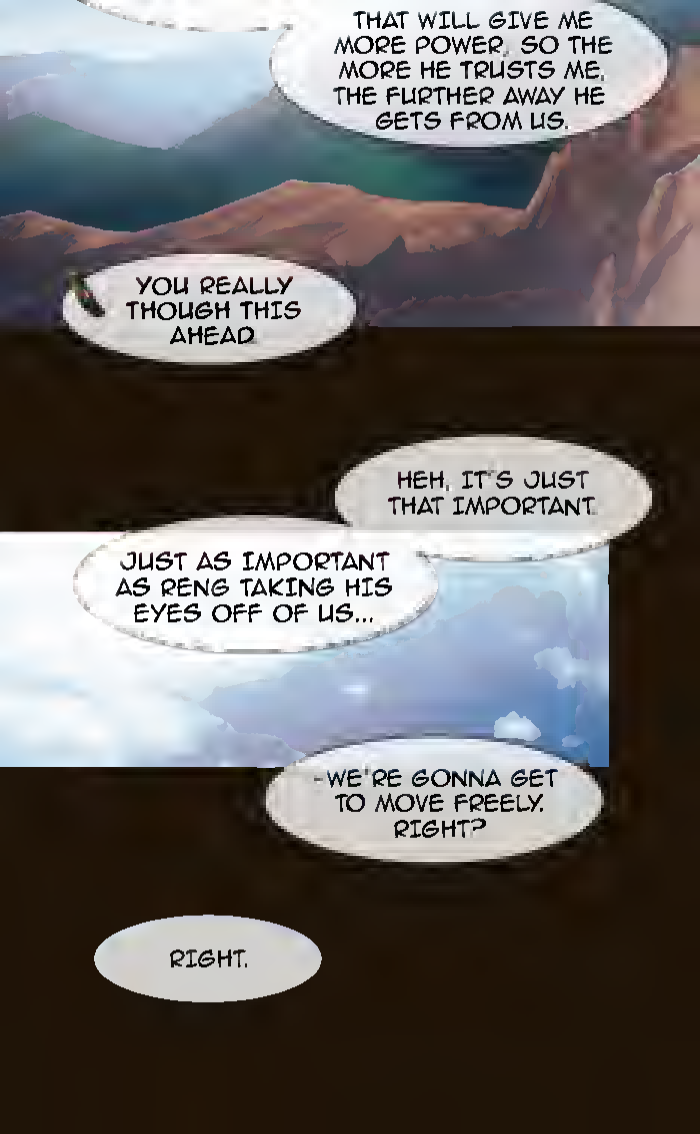
TO MAKE THINGS WORSE, THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN A LOT HARDER IF RENG WERE TO COME WITH US.

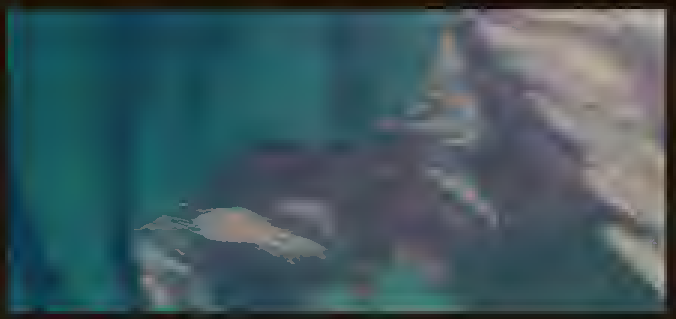
AH...

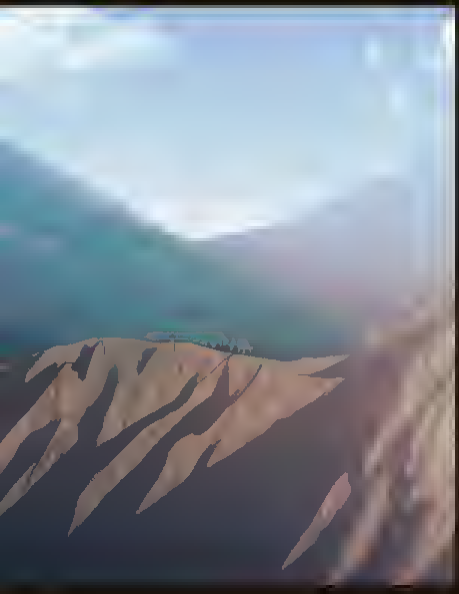
CLACK CLACK

SO, THAT'S WHY I SAID THIS WAS A GOOD THING.

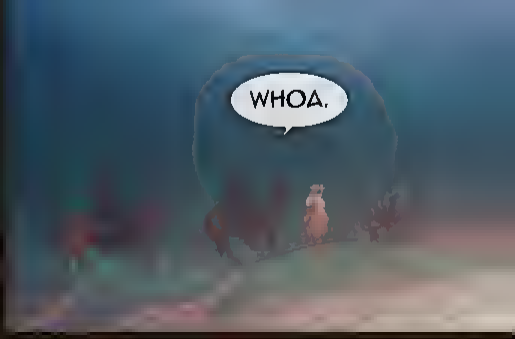
ONE MISTAKE WILL DECIDE THEIR CAPABILITY. SO RENG WILL END UP ACKNOWLEDGING ME


THAT WILL GIVE ME MORE POWER, SO THE MORE HE TRUSTS ME, THE FURTHER AWAY HE GETS FROM US.
YOU REALLY THOUGH THIS AHEAD
HEH, IT'S JUST THAT IMPORTANT.
JUST AS IMPORTANT AS RENG TAKING HIS EYES OFF OF US...
-WE'RE GONNA GET TO MOVE FREELY. RIGHT?
RIGHT.

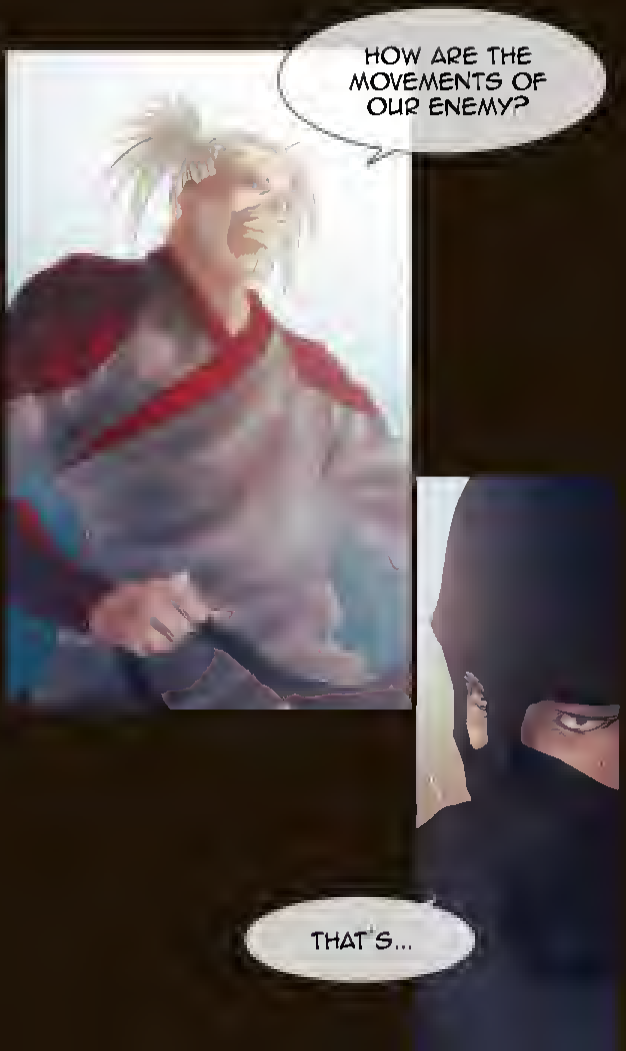




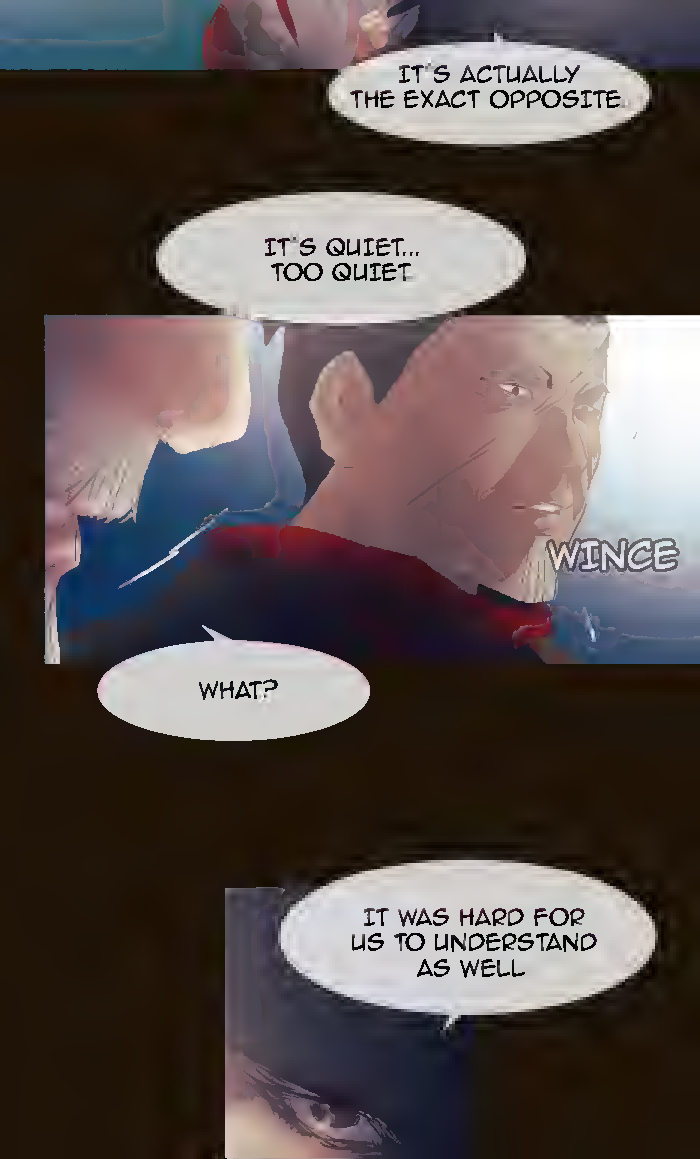
CLATTER
CLATTER
THE SCOUTS ARE COMING.
MM.
IT TOOK LONGER THAN EXPECTED


WHOA.

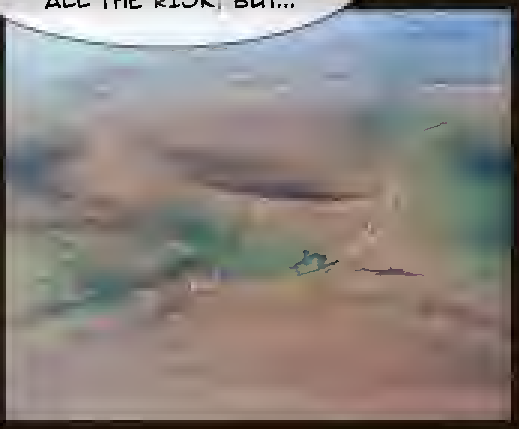
KNEEL
OKAY.


HOW ARE THE MOVEMENTS OF OUR ENEMY?
THAT'S...

WHY ARE YOU HESITATING? ARE THERE MORE THAN WE EXPECTED?
N, NO.
THEN?


IT'S ACTUALLY THE EXACT OPPOSITE
IT'S QUIET... TOO QUIET
WINCE
WHAT?
IT WAS HARD FOR US TO UNDERSTAND AS WELL

IT WAS SUSPICIOUS, SO WE ENDED UP SEARCHING ALL AROUND THE AREA, TAKING ALL THE RISK, BUT...



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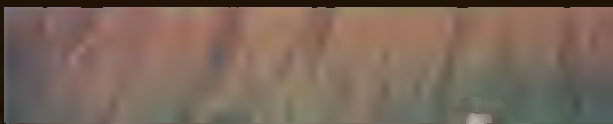


HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING TO LINGER HERE?

STUMP
STUMP
THE DEFENSE FORCES AND MERCENARIES HAVE ALREADY STARTED. BUT WE'RE ALREADY VERY LATE.
INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME HERE, WOULDN'T IT BE BEST TO GET TO THE NEXT POINT AND REST THERE?

AND WE CAN SEE THAT ETHERMASK HAS THROWN THIS PALACE AWAY.
IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO LEAVE SOLDIERS HERE AT THE PALACE.

SEEING THAT THE VILLAGE IS ALSO EMPY, THEY AREN'T IN A VERY GOOD POSITION

THEN, I'M SURE ETHERMASK'S ARMY IS SMALLER THAN WE THOUGHT...

OVERESTIMATING THE ENEMY IS ALSO A PROBLEM FOR MORALE

IN THIS SITUATION, WE'LL SEND MESSANGERS TO BOTH PALACES, AND WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS FROM THERE
COMPLACENCY IN WAR...
SSH

DON'T YOU THINK WE'RE BEING A BIT TOO RELAXED?
OUR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE. THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE TIMID OR SCARED

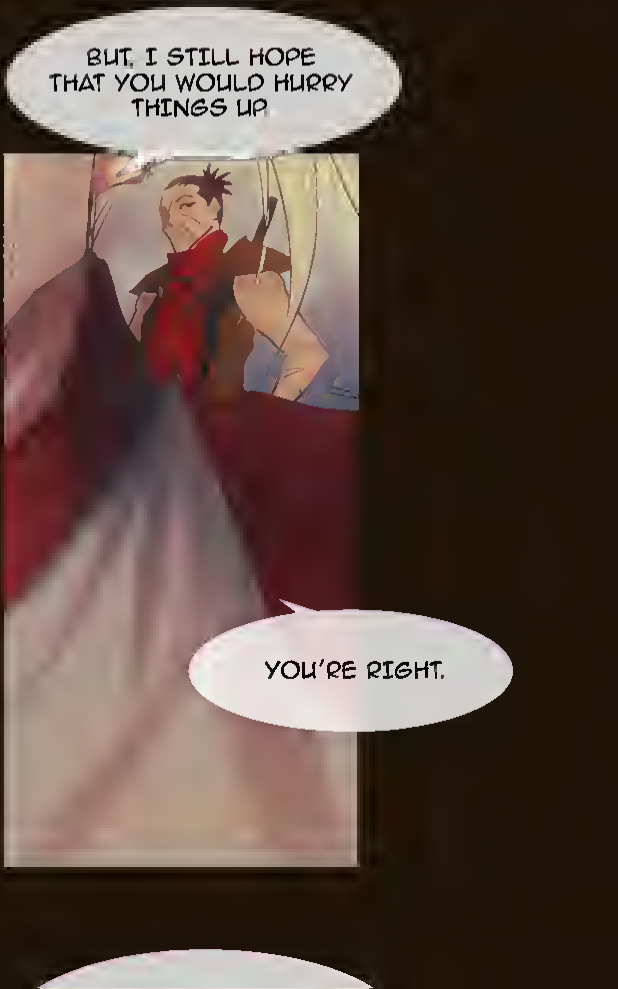
.....

I'M JUST SAYING WE SHOULD TREAD CAREFULLY.

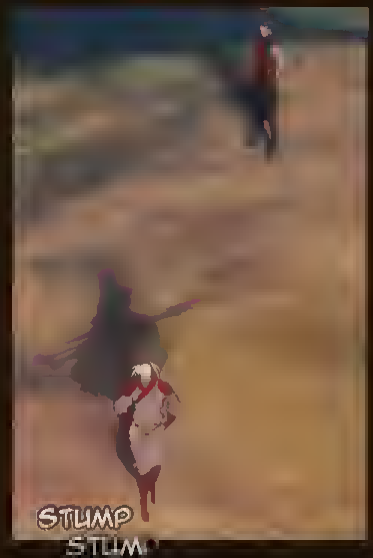
AND FOR ALL OF THEM...
WE HAVE TO THROW AWAY THE THOUGH THAT THEY ARE STRONG LIKE STRENGTHENED SOLDIERS.
YOU CAN SAY THAT THEY ARE STRONG, BUT THEY ARE JUST NORMAL PEOPLE.

WE CAN'T SEE THEM AS ON THE SAME PAGE AS STRENGTHENED SOLDIERS.
HMM...

YEAH. YOU'RE THE COMMANDER OF THESE FORCES.
OKAY. I'LL LEAVE THINGS TO YOU HERE.


BUT, I STILL HOPE THAT YOU WOULD HURRY THINGS UP.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

THESE GUYS AREN'T STRENGTHENED SOLDIERS.
I'M SURE THESE GUYS DON'T WANT TO WAIT HERE. THEY DON'T ALL SEEM THAT PATIENT.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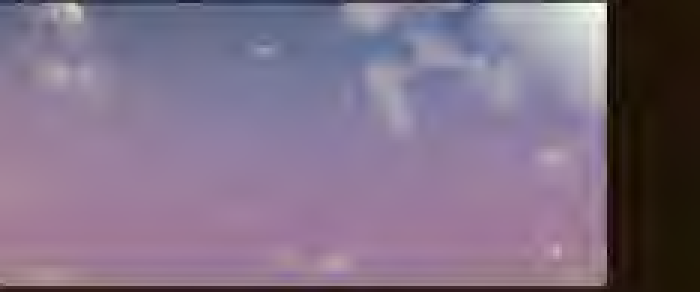

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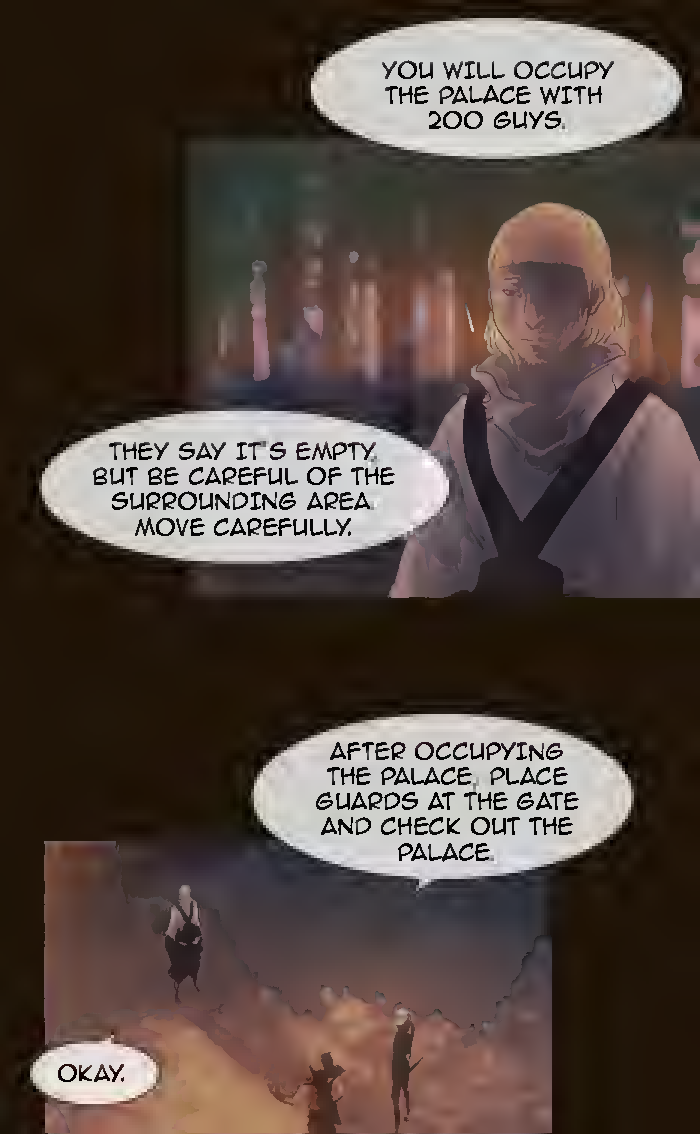

YOU WILL OCCUPY THE PALACE WITH 200 GUYS.
THEY SAY IT'S EMPTY, BUT BE CAREFUL OF THE SURROUNDING AREA. MOVE CAREFULLY.
AFTER OCCUPYING THE PALACE, PLACE GUARDS AT THE GATE AND CHECK OUT THE PALACE.
OKAY.

IN CASE OF AN ATTACK, KEEP THE FLAMES OUT AT NIGHT.

AND, HEAVY.

YES.

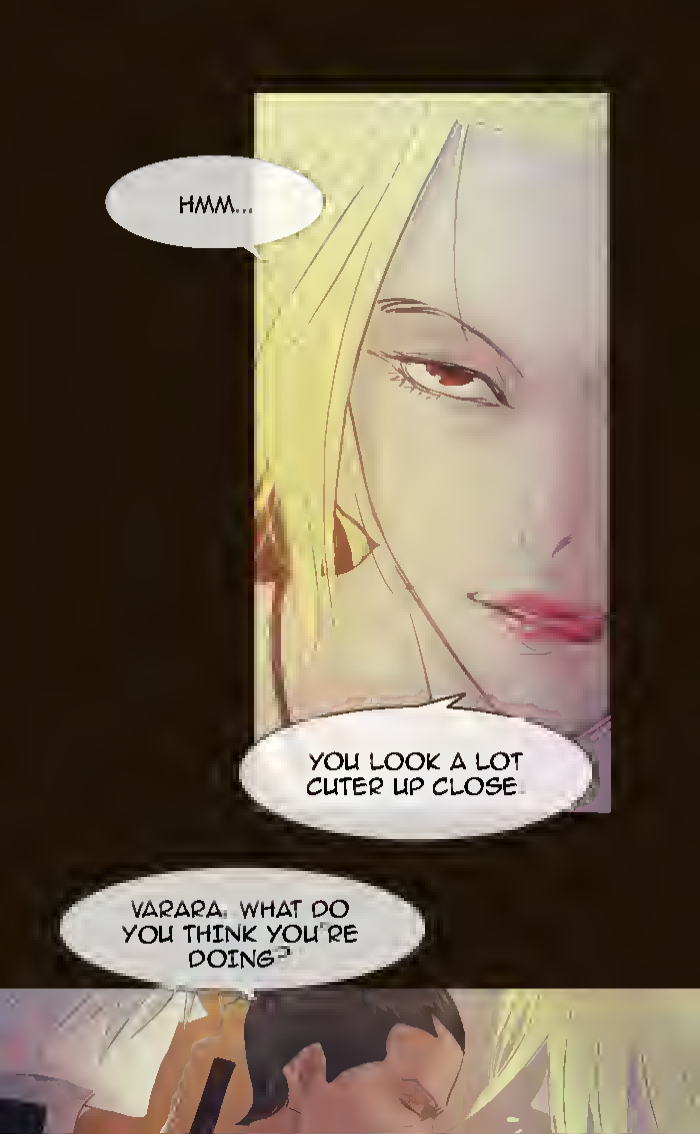
GO CHECK OUT THE VILLIAGE AND FOREST WITH 100 GUYS.

CHECK FOR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS. MAKE SURE TO WIPE THAT PLACE CLEAN.

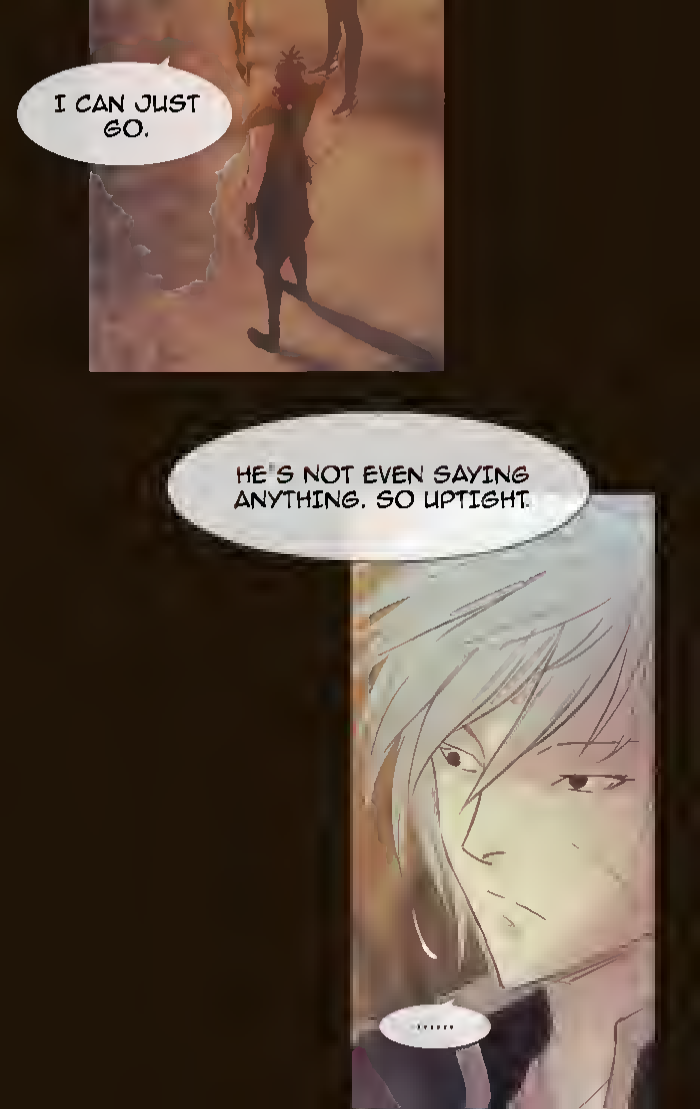
UNDERSTOOD.
LASTLY, VARA MOVE OUT WITH 10 GUYS AND FIND A ROUTE FOR REINFORCEMENTS.
IF YOU SEE AN ENEMY, SEND THE SIGNAL RIGHT AWAY.
EH?
YOU'RE REALLY ONLY SENDING ME TO THE OUTSKIRTS?

AND THE REST...
I DIDN'T COMPLAIN ON THIS HARD JOURNEY HERE...
HMPH!
TO SEND ME OUT AS A SCOUT...
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE GIVING ME TOO BORING OF A DUTY?

WELL, IF I'M GOING WITH BREAKUS...
THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY...

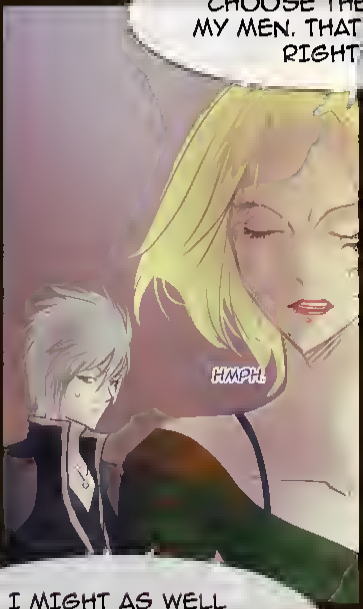

HMM...
YOU LOOK A LOT CUTER UP CLOSE.
VARARA: WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

IF YOU ACT LIKE THIS WHEN WE'VE COME THIS FAR,
GLACE
THERE'S NO REASON TO SEE YOU ANY MORE.
RELAX. I WAS JUST JOKING...


I CAN JUST GO.
HE'S NOT EVEN SAYING ANYTHING. SO UPTIGHT.

IF YOU KEEP ACTING ALL UP TIGHT, EVERYONE IS GONNA GET SICK OF IT.

BUT, I GET TO CHOOSE THE 10 OF MY MEN. THAT'S FINE, RIGHT?



I MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THE BEST LOOKING GUYS WITH ME.

YOU, YOU, AND YOU IN THE BACK...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HERE. SHE'S USUALLY LIKE THAT.
OH, YOU AREN'T ALL THAT BAD
HAHA...
AH, WE'RE A LITTLE LATE BECAUSE OF VARARA.

THEN, THE REST...
FOLLOW THIS PATH TO THE FOREST AND WAIT QUIETLY TO ATTACK
TREMBLE

AND TO NOT GET THE PLAN MIXED UP...
YOU...
DIRTY, SMELLY, UNEDUCATED VULGAR PIG...
HAHA~
GRIN

HOW DARE YOU TALK TO ENZ THAT WAY...
SHE REALLY PISSES ME OFF.
WATCH OUT FOR HER FROM NOW ON, PIERRE.
WHAT?
WE NEED TO PROTECT ENZ...

AH.
FROM A NASTY GIRL LIKE THAT.
AHAHAHA...
GOT IT, PIERRE?
HEH.

OH, MOLI...
WHY DOES ENZ ALWAYS GET INVOLVED WITH GIRLS LIKE HER...
CRACK
ENZ HAS IT PRETTY ROUGH, DON'T YOU THINK?
!!!!!!

IREMY?
AH...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

AHH!
AH, UMM...
YOU GUYS MAY THINK IT'S STRANGE BECAUSE WE'RE ACTING SO PASSIVE IN THIS PLAN, BUT...
HAHA...

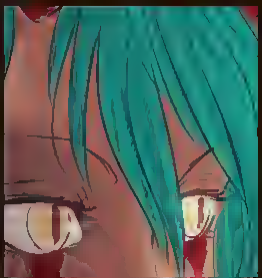
?
YOUR LIVES ARE ON THE LINE. THIS ISN'T A WAR JUST TO CATCH SOME THIEF.
I HOPE THAT THERE ARE NO BIG SACRIFICES IN THIS OPERATION.
THIS IS THE FIRST PLAN OF ACTION. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL ALL CAREFULLY FOLLOW IT.

IF EVERYONE'S UNDERSTOOD, LET'S MOVE ACCORDING TO PLAN.
AH...
THE AMBUSH TEAM WILL FOLLOW BREAKUS' ORDERS.
THEN, WE SHOULD GET MOVING AS WELL.
TAK

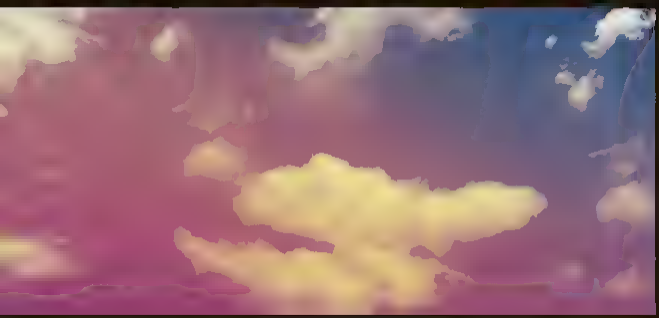
WE HAVE TO SET AN EXAMPLE.

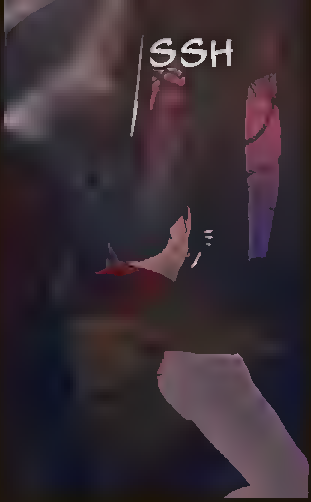
UH...

HURRY UP, METHEW.

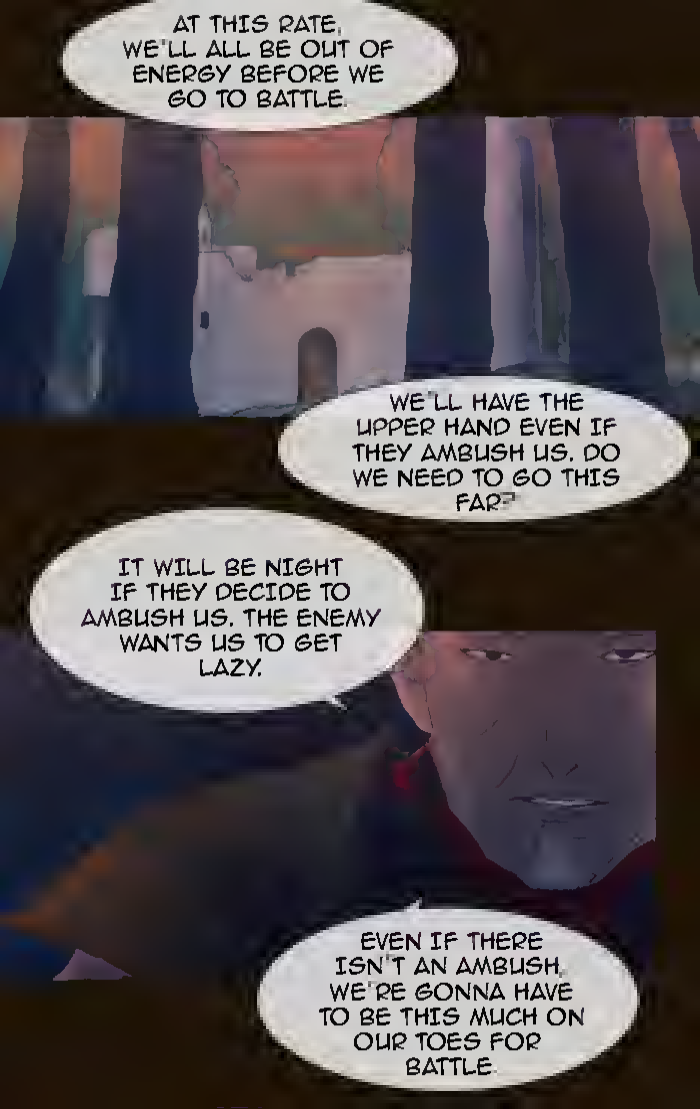


HMM...
SOMETHING SEEMS STRANGE



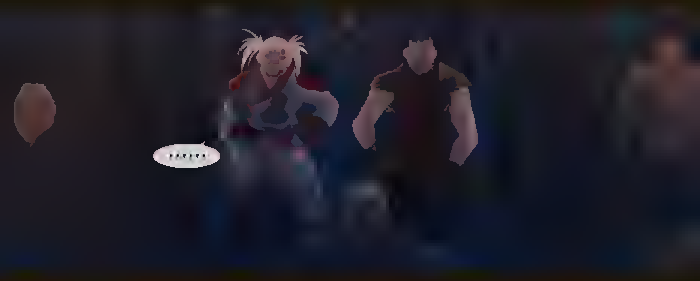

SSH

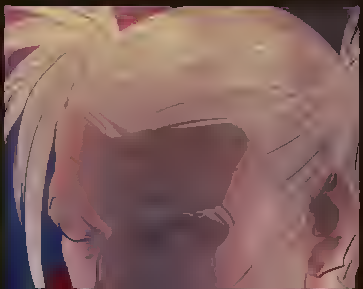
DON'T YOU THINK WE'RE BEING TOO CAREFUL?


AT THIS RATE, WE'LL ALL BE OUT OF ENERGY BEFORE WE GO TO BATTLE.
WE'LL HAVE THE UPPER HAND EVEN IF THEY AMBUSH US. DO WE NEED TO GO THIS FAR?
IT WILL BE NIGHT IF THEY DECIDE TO AMBUSH US. THE ENEMY WANTS US TO GET LAZY.
EVEN IF THERE ISN'T AN AMBUSH, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO BE THIS MUCH ON OUR TOES FOR BATTLE.

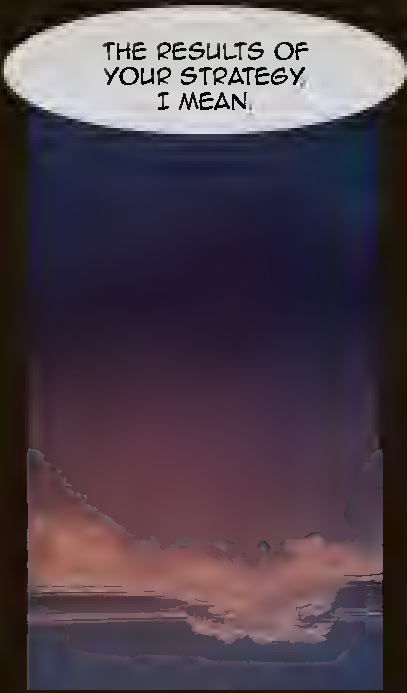
HAHA, THE SECRET TO YOUR FLASHY PLAN IS CAREFULNESS.
SHOULD I SAY YOU SUSPECT EVERY SINGLE SITUATION AND MOVE WITH FLUIDITY...
IT'S FINE. IT'S VERY DIFFERENT FROM MY METHODS

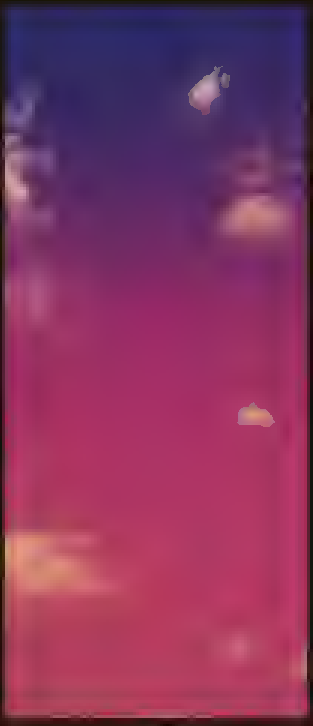
OKAY, THEN WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

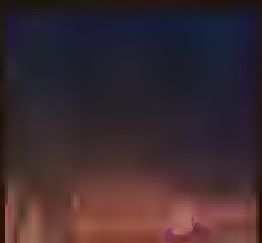




HEH...
IT SEEMS I AM INTERFERRING TOO MUCH
THEN, I'LL WATCH QUIETLY.

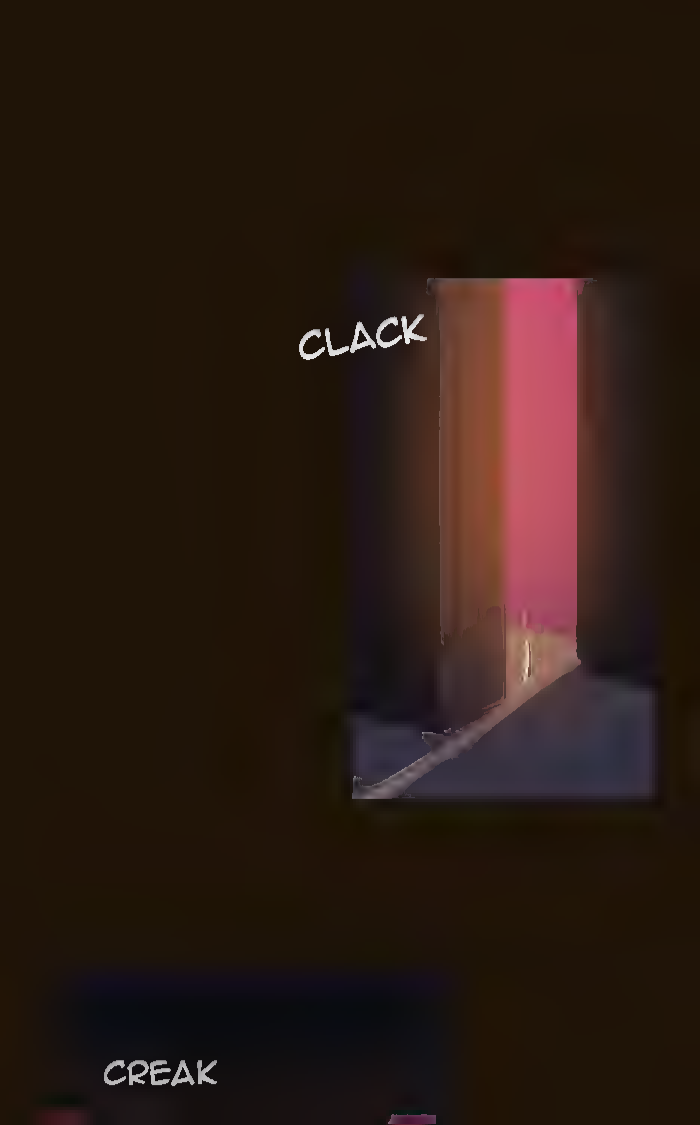

THE RESULTS OF
YOUR STRATEGY,
I MEAN.





NOW THAT WE'RE HERE...
HMM...

IT'S JUST WAY TOO QUIET.


CLACK
CREAK

ACK!
WINCE

THIS ROTTEN SMELL IS JUST TOO MUCH.
SSH

MM... IS IT COMING FROM THE KITCHEN?
ERR...
BUZZZZZ

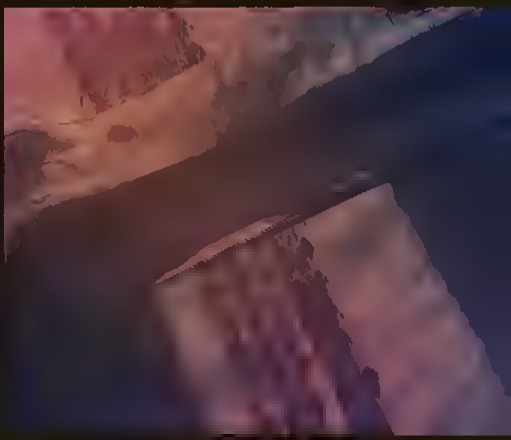
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY LEFT WITHOUT EVEN CLEANING.
GULP
COME TO THINK OF IT, IT WOULD BE WEIRD NOT TO BE SCARED
IT'S ACTUALLY SCARIER BECUASE THIS PLACE IS A GHOST TOWN.

WHEW!!!
THIS SMELL MIGHT STICK ON ME.

SNIFF
THINGS AREN'T GONNA BE EASY IF THE WHOLE VILLAGE IS LIKE THIS...
SSH
IF THESE NORMAL PEOPLE... ARE MADE TRAITORS,

ABANDONING THE VILLAGE WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHOICE.
ETHERMASK IS REALLY MAKING THINGS HARD FOR US.
STOP SITTING AROUND AND MOVE IT!!!

MARK EVERYTHING THAT YOU'VE COVERED!!!

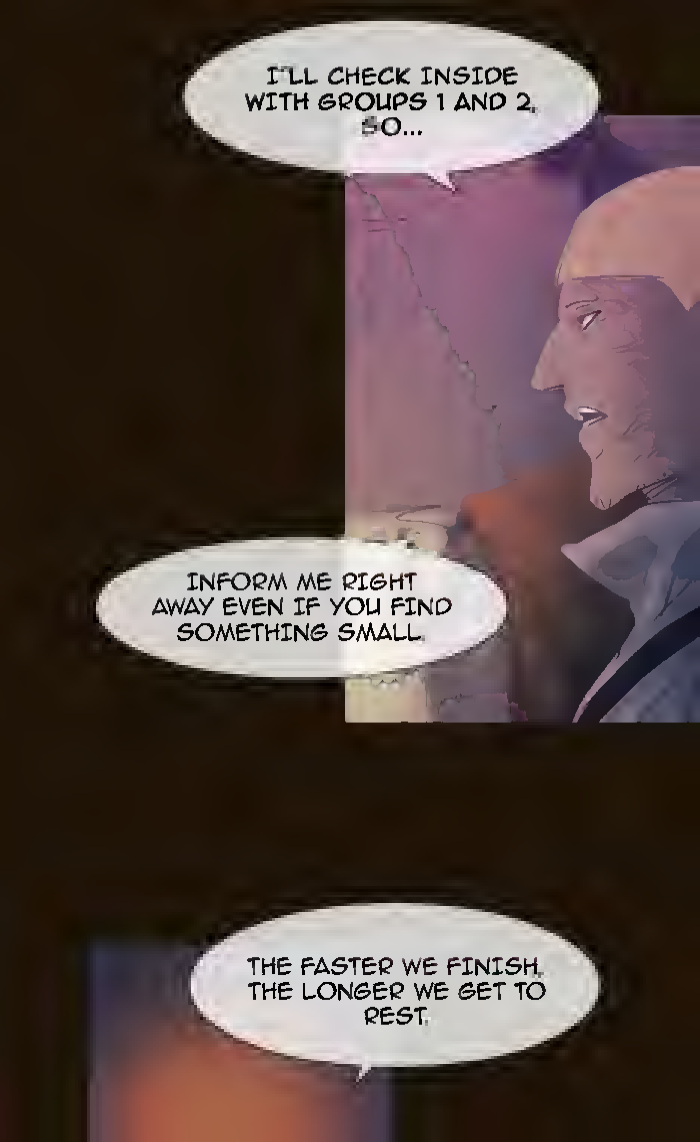


THEY AREN'T HIDING AND WAITING TO ATTACK US, RIGHT?

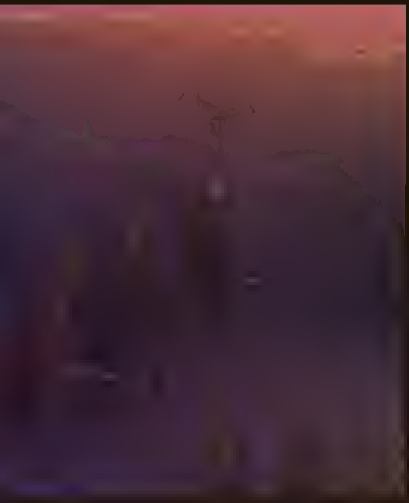
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
I THINK IT REALLY IS AN EMPTY PALACE
THIS STORAGE ROOM MUST HAVE BEEN USED FOR FLOUR
CROPS WERE THROWN AWAY WHILE THEY WERE BEING HARVESTED..
THEY REALLY MUST HAVE BEEN IN A RUSH

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN GONE FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.
SIGH. THIS PLACE DRAINS THE LIFE OUT OF ME
HOW LONG ARE YOU GUYS GONNA KEEP BABBLING?

STOP WASTING TIME. WE'RE GONNA CLEAR OUT THE PALACE BEFORE IT GETS DARK.
LET'S SPLIT UP.
LISTEN CAREFULLY. GROUPS 1 AND 2 WILL SEARCH THE INSIDE. GROUPS 3 AND 4 WILL CHECK AROUND THE PALACE.
GROUP 5 WILL SPLIT UP AND CHECK THE WATCHTOWERS.
THE REST WILL TAKE GUARD ON THE PALACE WALLS.


I'LL CHECK INSIDE WITH GROUPS 1 AND 2, SO...
INFORM ME RIGHT AWAY EVEN IF YOU FIND SOMETHING SMALL.
THE FASTER WE FINISH, THE LONGER WE GET TO REST.

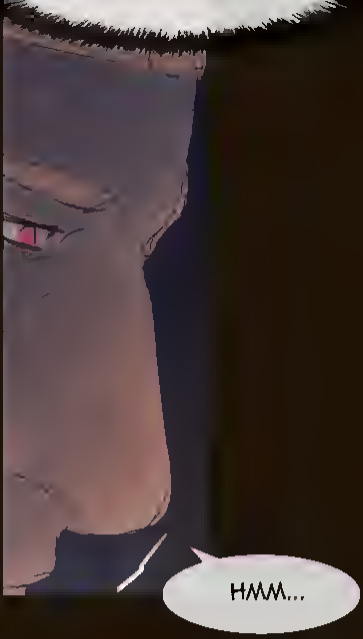
DON'T COMPLAIN.
AND GET MOVING.
MOVE OUT!!!



IT'S LIKE FINDING
A RAT IN HIDING

PIECE
HAHA
THAT'S IF THEY'RE HIDING
STUMP
STUMP
THIS PLACE IS EMPTY
BUT IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS

MMM...
TO SEE NO PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE... IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ABANDONED FROM THE BEGINNING.
LIKE THE PEOPLE HERE JUST DISAPPERED.
DID THIS PLACE NOT MATTER TO THEM FROM THE START?
OR, AM I JUST OVERTHINKING THIS...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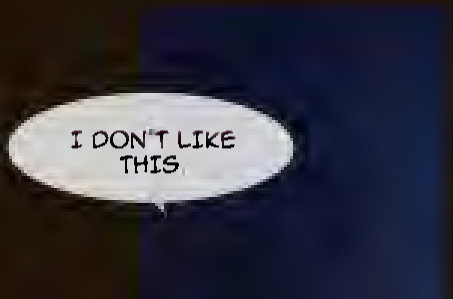
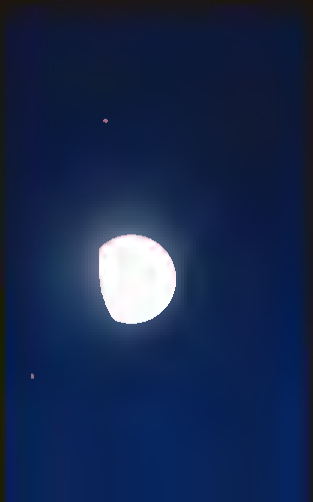
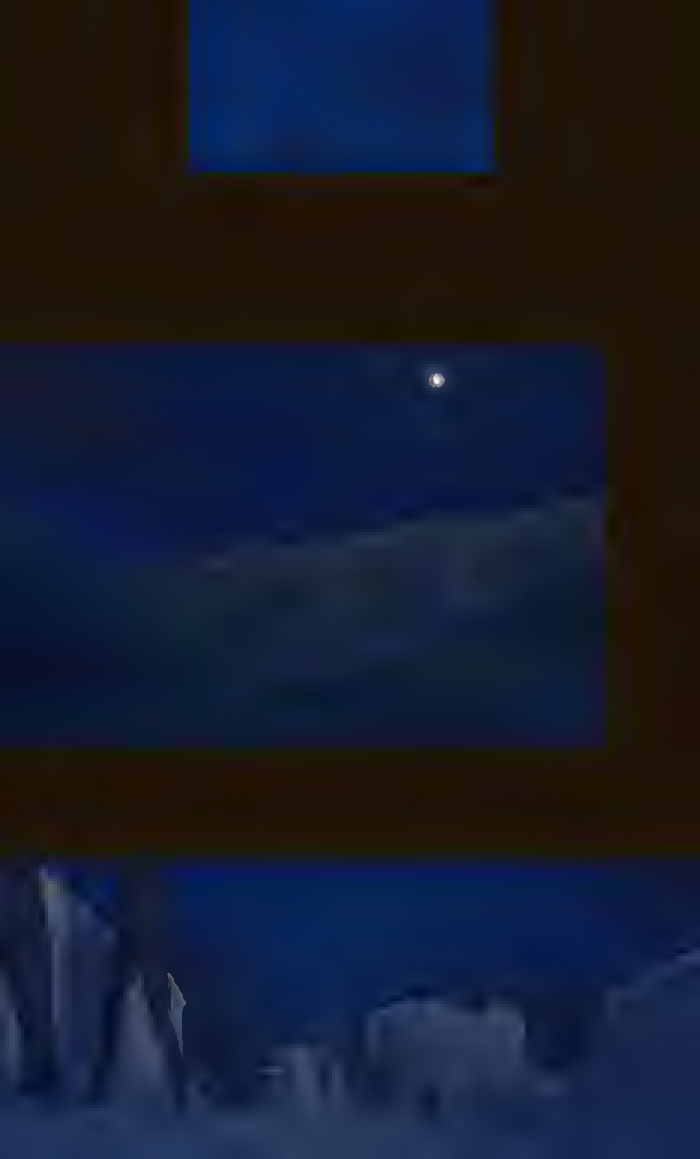
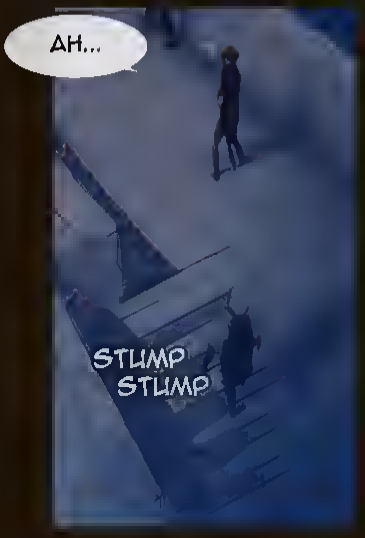
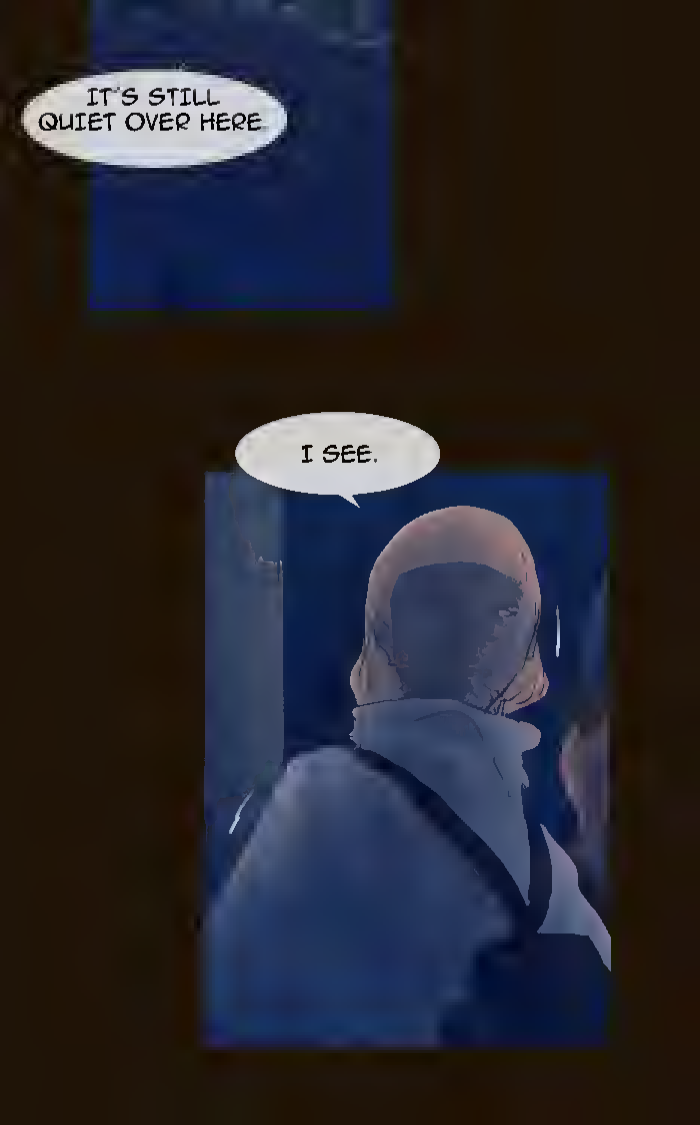

I DON'T LIKE THIS

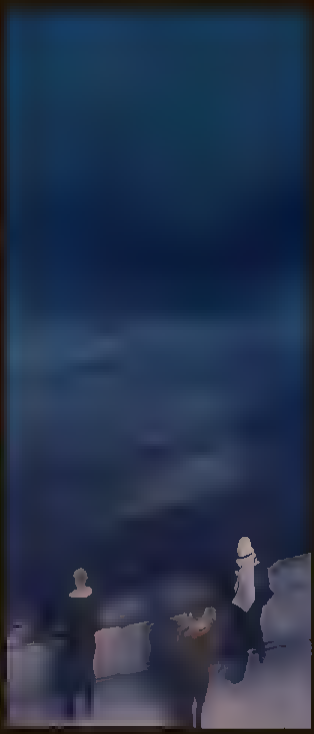





AH...
STUMP
STUMP

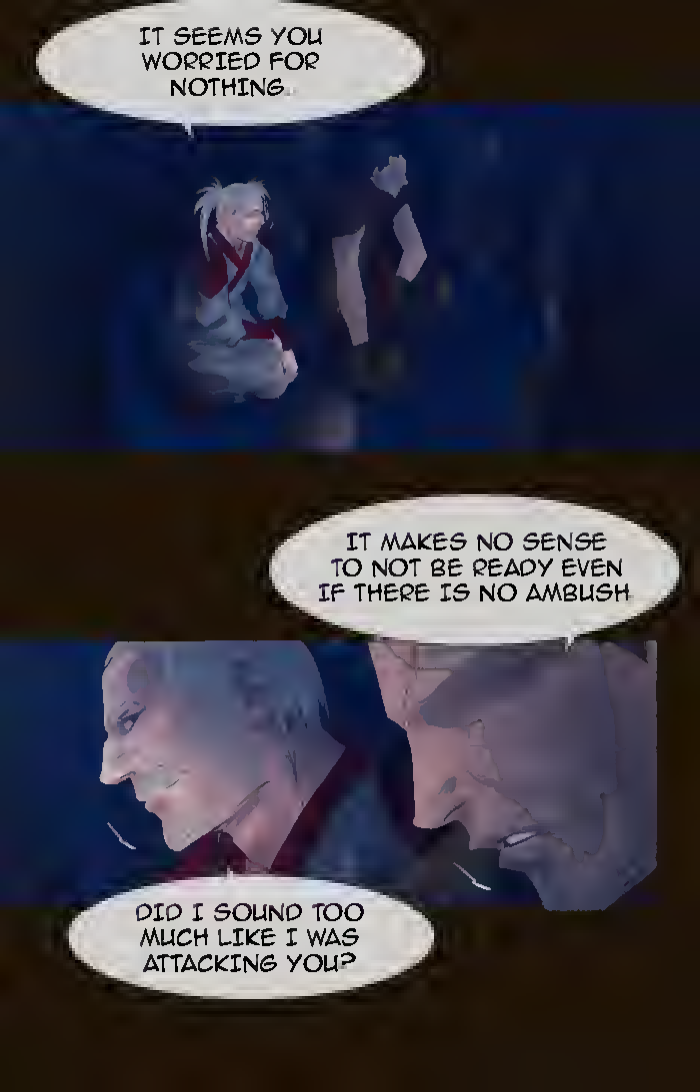
ANYTHING?


IT'S STILL QUIET OVER HERE.
I SEE.



DON'T BE LAZY WHILE ON GUARD INFORM ME AND SEND SIGNAL IF YOU SEE ANTYTHING

UNDERSTOOD
I'LL COME BY ONE MORE TIME BEFORE ROTATIONS


IT SEEMS YOU WORRIED FOR NOTHING
IT MAKES NO SENSE TO NOT BE READY EVEN IF THERE IS NO AMBUSH
DID I SOUND TOO MUCH LIKE I WAS ATTACKING YOU?

I'M NOT SAYING YOU'RE WRONG. OF COURSE WE NEED TO BE READY.
WE CAN'T GO TO WAR WITHOUT PREPARATION

BUT, LOOK.
EVERYONE IS EXHAUSTED FROM WAITING TO AMBUSH.
EVERYONE IS TIRED FROM THE LONG JOURNEY.

THEY DIDN'T GET TO HAVE ANY REST AFTER GETTING HERE...
WILL THEY BE ABLE TO BE IN TOP SHAPE LIKE THIS?
THEY ARE RESTING IN ROTATIONS. THIS IS JUST A NORMAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BOUNTY HUNTER.
IF THEY WERE TO BREAK WITH JUST THIS, THEY SHOULD HAVE GIVEN UP BEING BOUNTY HUNTERS A LONG TIME AGO.

HAHA, LOOKS LIKE I'VE JUST BEEN NAGGING AT YOU ALL DAY.

DON'T THINK TOO BAD OF THIS.

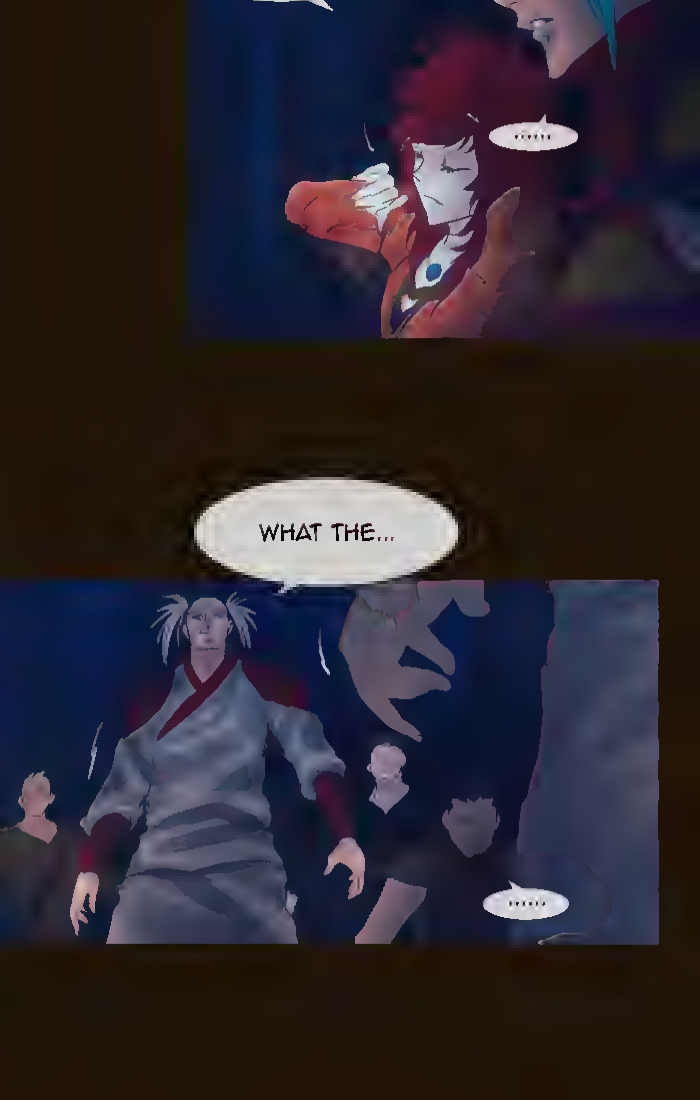
AH...
I WAS ALWAYS IN COMMAND, SO IT JUST CAME OUT WITHOUT ME KNOWING...
?

I'M SURE THEY WERE TOLD NOT TO LIGHT THE FIRES...
THAT'S A BIT STRANGE. THE FIRE IS TOO...

NO WAY!!!

WINCE
WHAT THE?!!!
STARTLED

MM, WHAT WAS IT?
ACK!
WHAT'S GOING ON, METHEW?

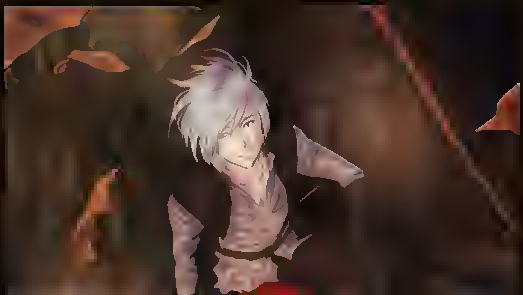

WHAT THE...

BUSTLE
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
BUSTLE

AH...
WHAT'S GOING ON?

THE PALACE IS ON FIRE

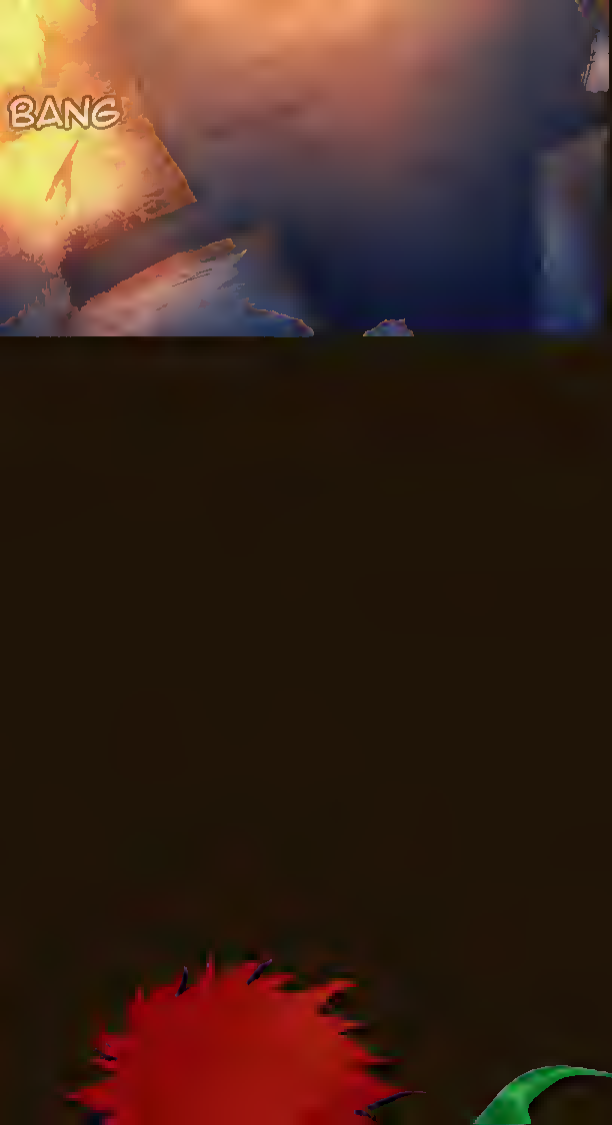
TO BE CONTINUED..



LINE Webtoon

MUMBLE
MUMBLE
I WILL BURN
EVERYTHING...
FLARE

FLARE


BANG

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WHERE DID THIS CRAZY BASTARD COME FROM?!!!

IS THERE SOME KIND OF SECRET TUNNEL?!

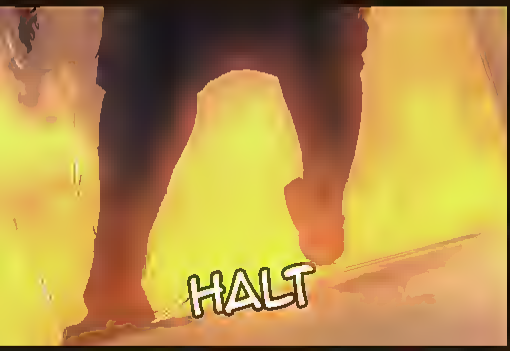
ACK!!!

VOOSH
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, FIRST!!!
AH, IT'S GETTING BIGGER!!!
THAT CRAZY BASTARD...!!!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

THE ENEMY IS FLUSTERED!!!
BURN EVERYTHING!!!
YES!!!

YES!!!

FAZOOM



VOOSH
WHAT THE...?
I THOUGHT WE CHECKED THE WHOLE PALACE...
BURN THE CORNERS!!!
THE FIRE IS COMING UP!!!
AH!

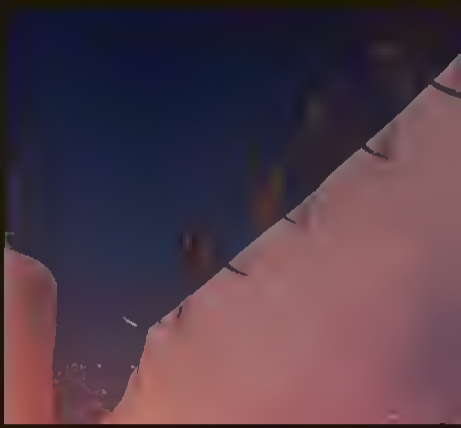
LET'S GO THE OTHER WAY!!!
YOU DAMN IDIOTS!!!

STOP PANICKING AND GET THEM!!!
MAKE SURE THE FIRE DOESN'T SPREAD!!!

IS HE THE LEADER?
TAKE OUT THE GUYS ON TOP OF THE PALACE WALLS!!!
WE'RE GONNA TAKE OVER THE FRONT, AND OPEN THE PALACE GATES!!!

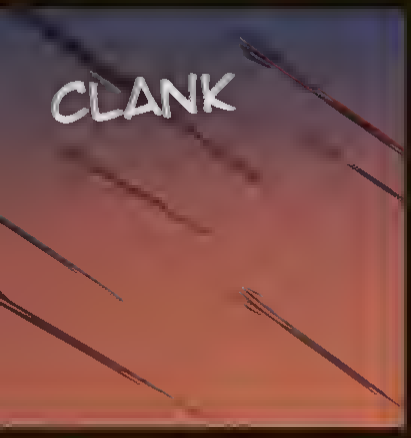
MAKE A WAY FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE PALACE TO GET OUT!!!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, AND MOVE!!!
YES!!!

TO HANDLE THE SITUATION IN AN INSTANT...
AH!
KRS...
THIS IS FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT
CREAK
CLACK



DAMN IT!!!

FWOOSH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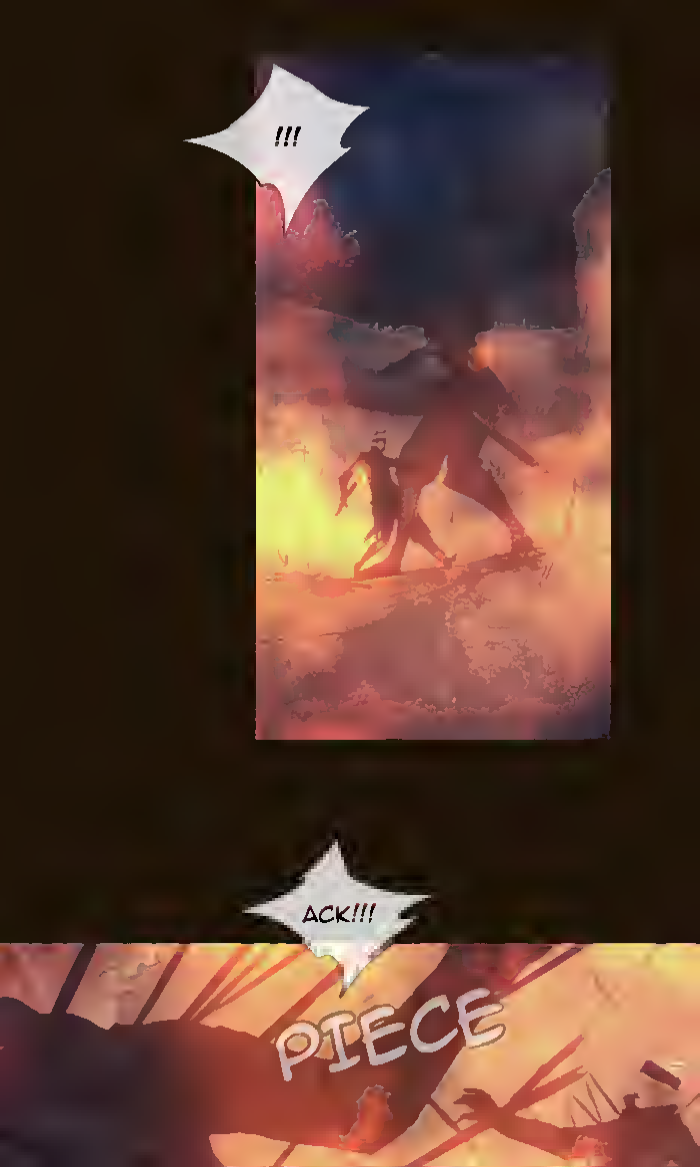
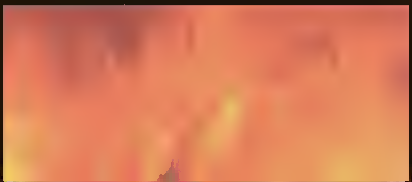

!!!
ACK!!!
PIECE

KRG!!!
PIERCE
AH...!
WOBBLE

KRG...

YOU...
AHHHH!!!

FAZOOM



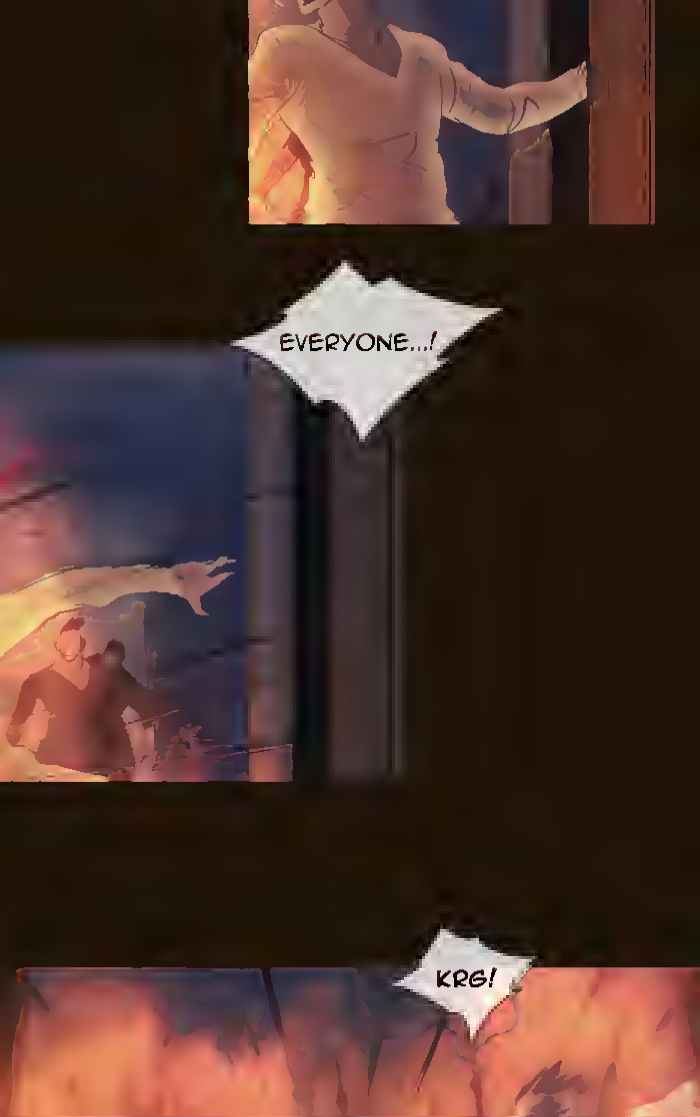
FAZOOM

HE BURNED HIMSELF, THAT CRAZY BASTARD...
KRG
HE MEANS THAT HE WON'T LET US OFF THAT EASILY, HUH?
THE ENEMY HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT!!!

MAKE A WAY TO GET OUT OF THE PALACE!!!
WE'RE ABANDONING THE PALACE!!!

MOVE IT, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE!!!
DAMN IT!!

VOOSH
THE FLAME IS GONNA SPREAD TO HERE!!!
CREAK
THE PALACE GATE IS OPEN!!!


EVERYONE...!
KRG!

PIERCE
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
ENEMIES ARE AT THE GATE AS WELL...!!!

DAMN IT!!!
CLOSE THE GATE!!!
THE FIRE IS ALMOST HERE!!!

ACK!
HOW...

AH!
THERE IS MOVEMENT AT THE VILLAGE...!
WHAT?!

HE'S RIGHT!!!
THERE ARE DOZENS OF THEM.
I'M SURE WE CHECKED THE VILLAGE...
WHERE WERE THEY HIDING?

KRG...
DAMN IT!
DON'T BE FLUSTERED! NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

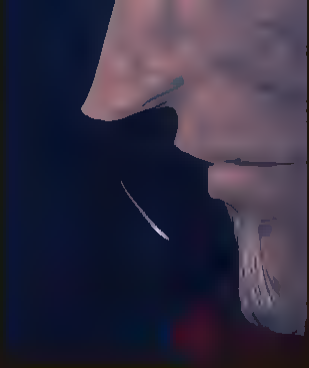
THE SITUATION IN THE PALACE HAS JUST CHANGED, THAT'S ALL!!!
WE WILL TAKE OUT THE VISIBLE ENEMIES.
AND WE'LL HELP OUR FORCES IN THE PALACE TO GET OUT.

EVERYONE, GOT THAT?!!!
HEY. HEAVY.
TAP
AH...
I'M SORRY.

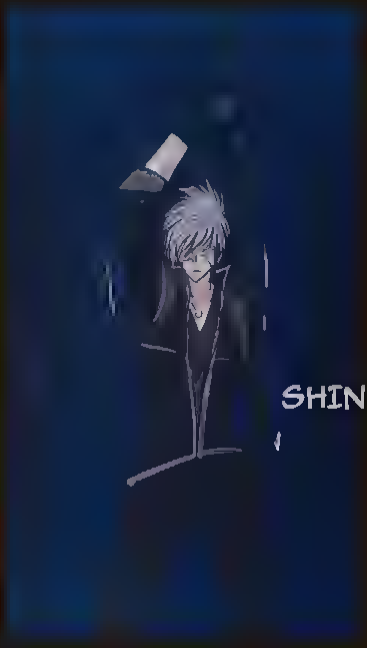
IT'S...
YOU WILL MOVE WITH THE 100 MEN YOU WENT WITH EARLIER.
GO FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE FOREST AND BLOCK THEM OFF AT THE VILLAGE AND EVERY CORNER.
IF THERE ARE ANY REINFORCEMENTS, TAKE THEM OUT AND CHASE AFTER ANY OF THEM WHO TRY TO RUN.

AH, YES.
THIS IS OUR FIRST BATTLE!

THERE AREN'T MANY OF THEM!!!
VICTORY IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES!!!



EVERYONE TAKE A DEEP BREATH.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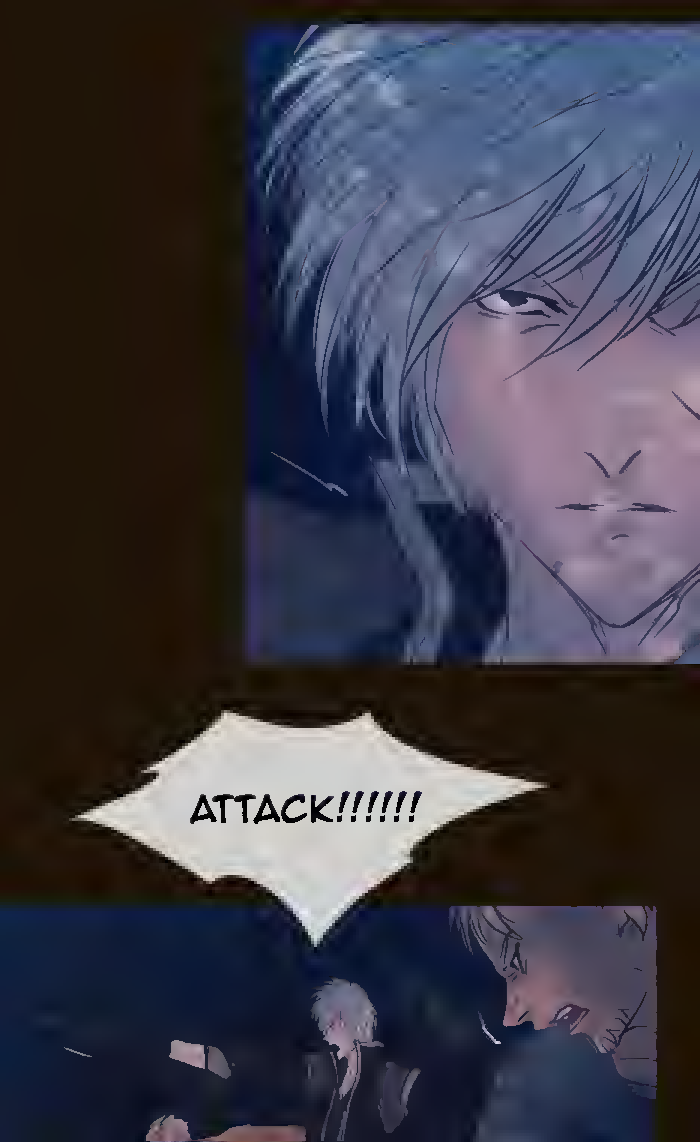
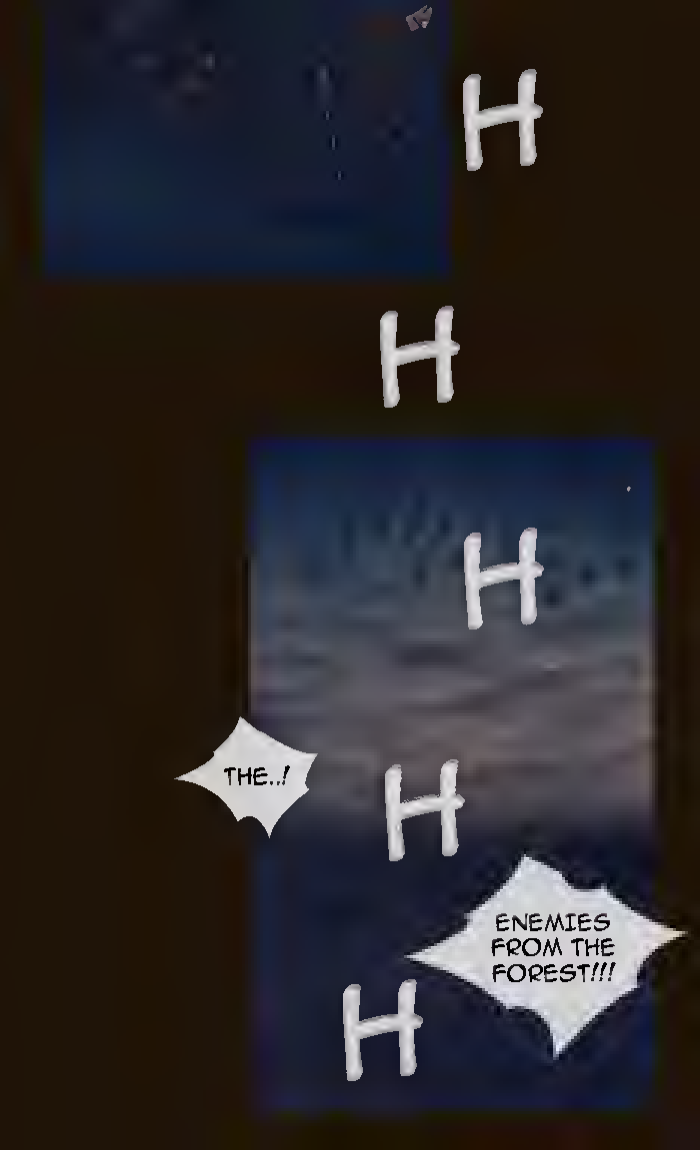

ATTACK!!!!!!

AHHHHHHH!!!
WINCE
STARTLED

WHAT THE?!
WAH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THE..!
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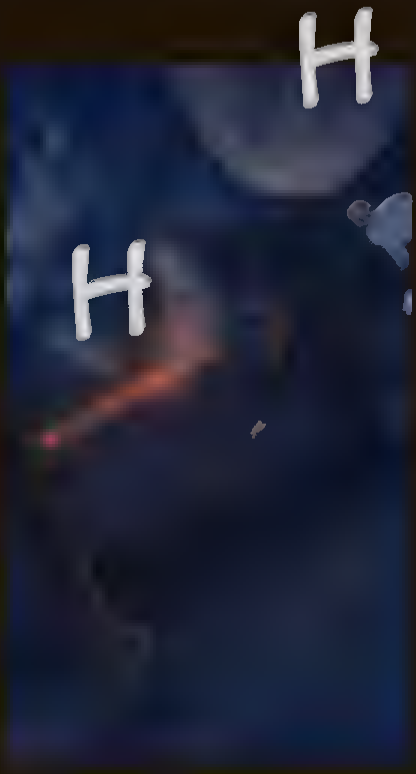
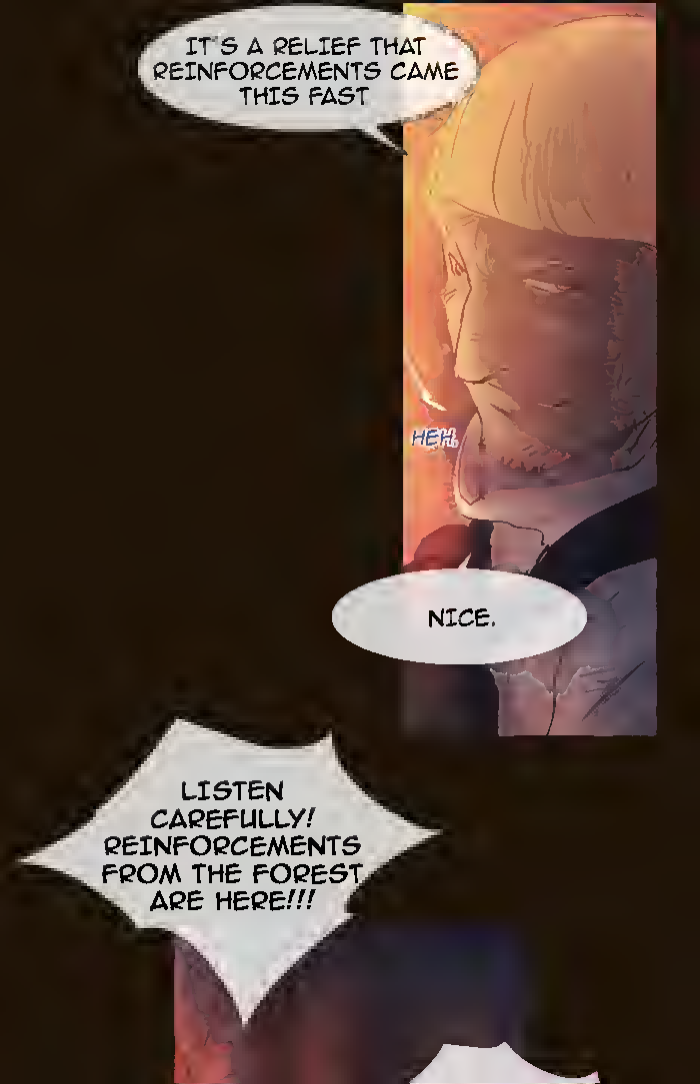
ENEMIES FROM THE FOREST!!!
H

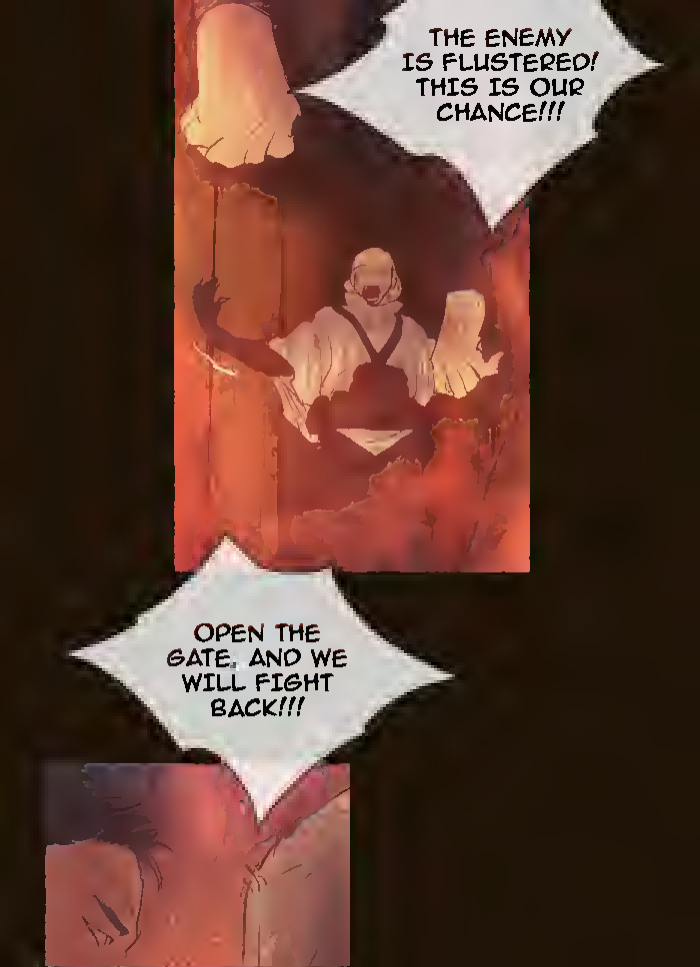


THESE BASTARDS... THEY SPLIT UP THEIR FORCES...

THIS ISN'T WHAT WE EXPECTED
THERE'S TOO MANY... DID THEY FIND OUT OUR STRATEGY?

ROAAAR

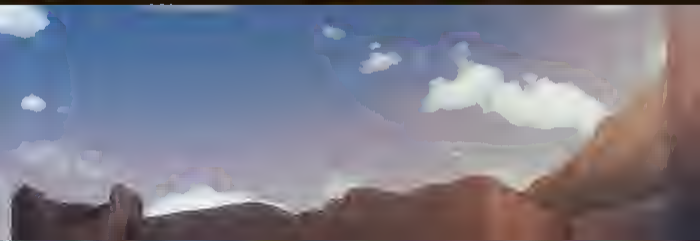

IT'S A RELIEF THAT REINFORCEMENTS CAME THIS FAST
HEH.
NICE.
LISTEN CAREFULLY! REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE FOREST ARE HERE!!!

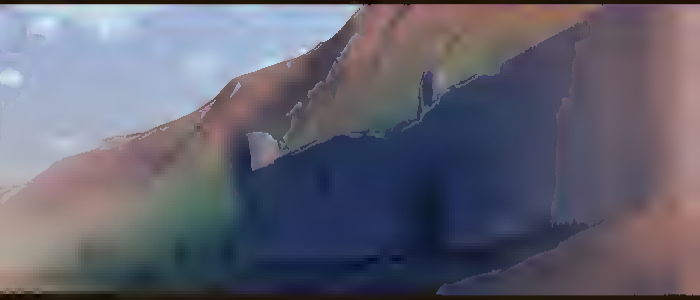

THE ENEMY IS FLUSTERED! THIS IS OUR CHANCE!!!
OPEN THE GATE, AND WE WILL FIGHT BACK!!!

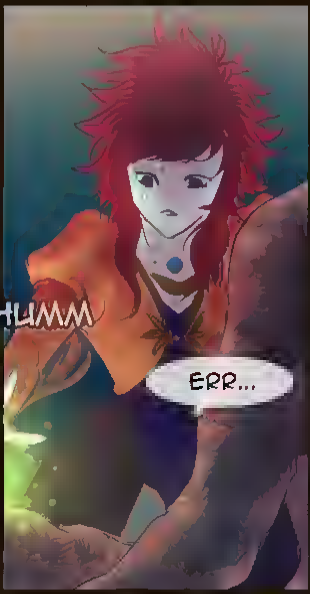
WE'LL ATTACK THE FLUSTERED ENEMY TOGETHER!!!
TAKE ALL OF YOUR WEAPONS OUT!!!
FLARE

OPEN THE GATE!!!

TAKE THEM
ALL OUT!!!
ROAAA



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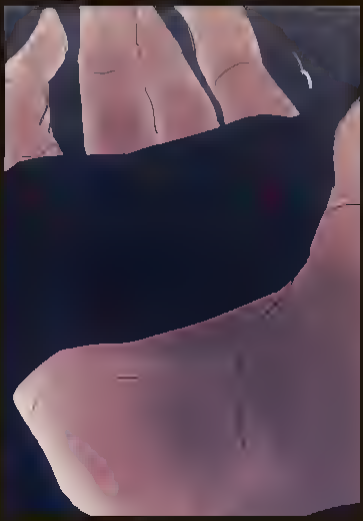
ERR...

ERR...
HUMM

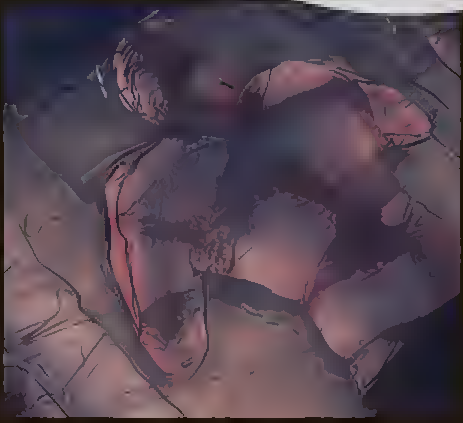
SSH



WHAT AN UGLY SIGHT

CLENCH
HOW MANY DID WE LOSE?
LUCKILY, WE DIDN'T LOSE MANY.

WE HAD 23 CASUALITIES.



THERE ARE MANY BURNED AND INJURED BUT...

THEY WON'T BE A PROBLEM IN BATTLE
KRG. IF WE WERE JUST A BIT MORE CAREFUL...
STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT HAS PASSED

I'M SORRY, SIR.
RATHER THAN A HIT IN OUR NUMBERS, OUR FOOD RATIONS TOOK MORE OF A HIT

MORE THAN HALF WAS BURNED IN THE FIRE. SO WE WILL ONLY LAST ABOUT A WEEK.

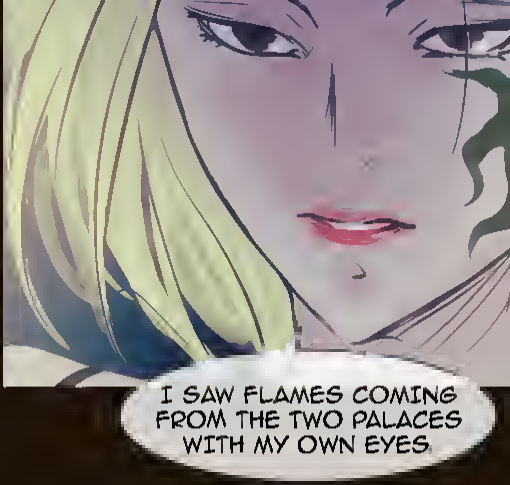
I BELIEVE WE HAVE A PROBLEM ON TRANSPORTATION BECAUSE MOST OF OUR CARRIAGES AND WAGONS HAVE BEEN BURNED DOWN.

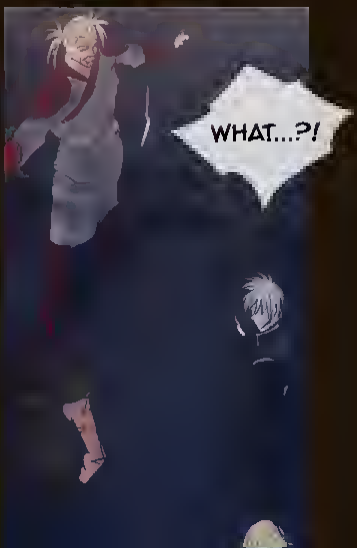
WE GOT HIT HARDER THAN WE THOUGHT.

I CAN'T SAY WE WERE THOROUGH, BUT TO LOSE THIS MUCH...

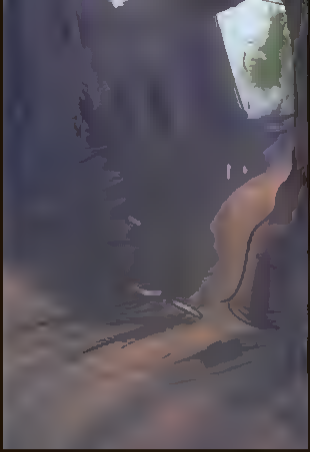
I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE NORTH.

I'M PRETTY SURE THE OTHER TWO PALACES WERE THE SAME
BEFORE WE CAME BACK TO HERE,


I SAW FLAMES COMING FROM THE TWO PALACES WITH MY OWN EYES.


WHAT...?!

KRG...!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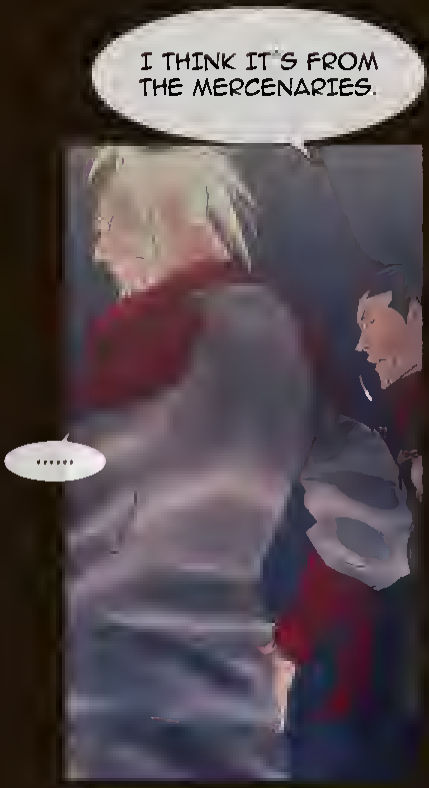
CLATTER


I THINK IT'S FROM THE MERCENARIES.
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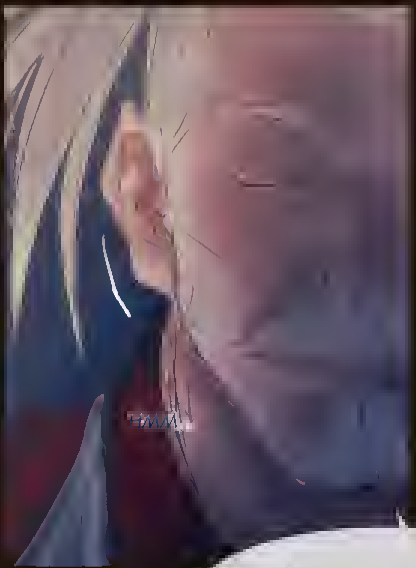
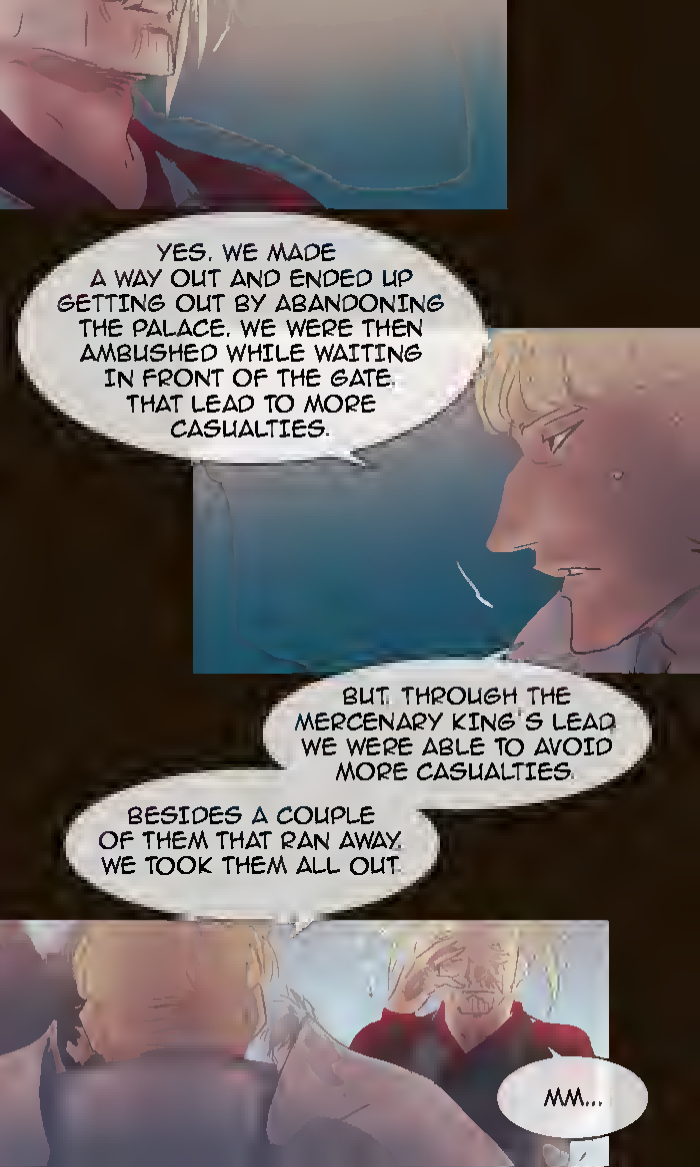
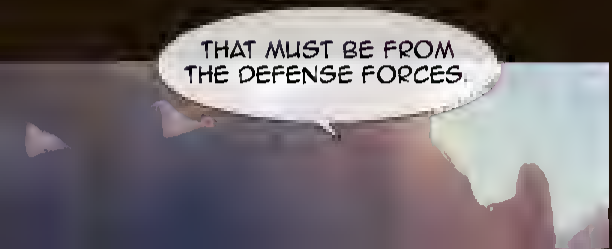
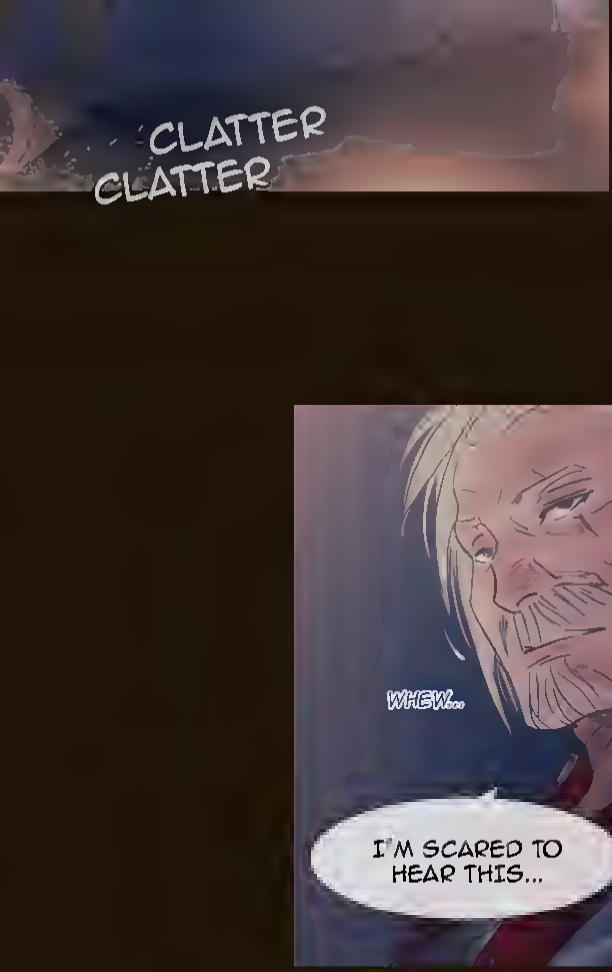

I'M SURE IT ISN'T ANY GOOD NEWS

KNEEL
SIGH...
OKAY, SPEAK.

VERY LATE AT NIGHT, WE HAVE RECEIVED 67 CASUALTIES IN BATTLE AFTER WE WERE AMBUSHED
WE TOOK HITS MOSTLY ON OUR FOOD. WE WERE ONLY ABLE TO SAVE ABOUT 4-5 DAYS WORTH
WERE THEY PLAYING WITH FIRE OVER THERE, TOO?


YES. WE MADE A WAY OUT AND ENDED UP GETTING OUT BY ABANDONING THE PALACE. WE WERE THEN AMBUSHED WHILE WAITING IN FRONT OF THE GATE. THAT LEAD TO MORE CASUALTIES.
BUT. THROUGH THE MERCENARY KING'S LEAD WE WERE ABLE TO AVOID MORE CASUALTIES.
BESIDES A COUPLE OF THEM THAT RAN AWAY. WE TOOK THEM ALL OUT.
MM...


THAT MUST BE FROM THE DEFENSE FORCES.


CLATTER
CLATTER
WHEW...
I'M SCARED TO HEAR THIS...

GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT
KNEEL
WELL... UMM...

WHY? WERE THERE A LOT OF CASUALTIES?
WHEW...

THERE WERE MORE THAN 600 CASUALTIES.
WHAT?!
600?!!!

IT HAPPENED ALL OF A SUDDEN. WE LOST OUR ENEMIES, AND ALMOST ALL OF OUR RATIONS HAVE BURNED

WRIGGLE

IT WILL BE HARD TO EVEN LAST TWO DAYS...

KRG...
ETHERMASK, YOU BASTARD...
YOU F*CKING BASTARD...

WOBBLE
WOBBLE
BANG
STARTLED
AH?!

RUMBLE
WHAT THE?

WITH HIS BARE HANDS...
GULP

PATTER
PATTER

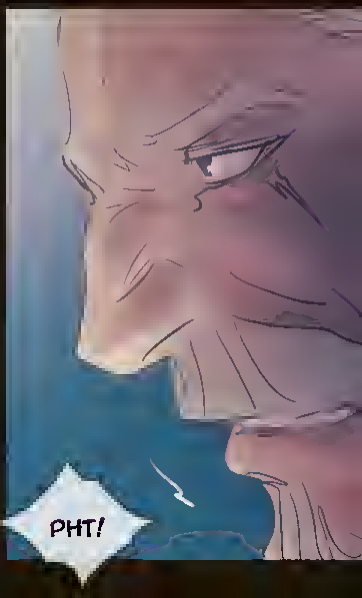
GRIT
YOU DARE DO THIS TO ME?

GET ME
A HORSE!!!
YES!!!

NEIGHHH
BRRR

WE'LL HANDLE THE FOOD SITUATION BY CONTACTING MYSTY. THEY WILL SEND RATIONS RIGHT AWAY.
I'M GONNA GO STRAIGHT TO THE NORTHERN PALACE, SO...
I'LL LEAVE THINGS TO YOU TWO TO CLEAN UP HERE AFTER THAT. MEET WITH THE MERCENARIES AND PROCEED AS PLANNED

DON'T WORRY.


PHT!

HIYAH!!!
CLATTER
CLATTER

.....

HMM...

MR. CARL?
MY CALCULATIONS WERE A BIT WRONG.
STUMP
STUMP

I KNEW THEY WOULD MAKE A MISTAKE, BUT NOT THIS BAD..
I'M SURE IT WASN'T EASY TO HANDLE WITH THOSE NUMBERS IN THAT SITUATION

BUT, STILL...
THERE WERE TOO MANY
CASUALTIES.

WE MAY HAVE
TO CHANGE UP OUR
PLAN A BIT.

TO BE CONTINUED..

LINE Webtoon

BUSTLE
BUSTLE

CHAPTER 2 EPISODE 26 - LEADERSHIP (01)

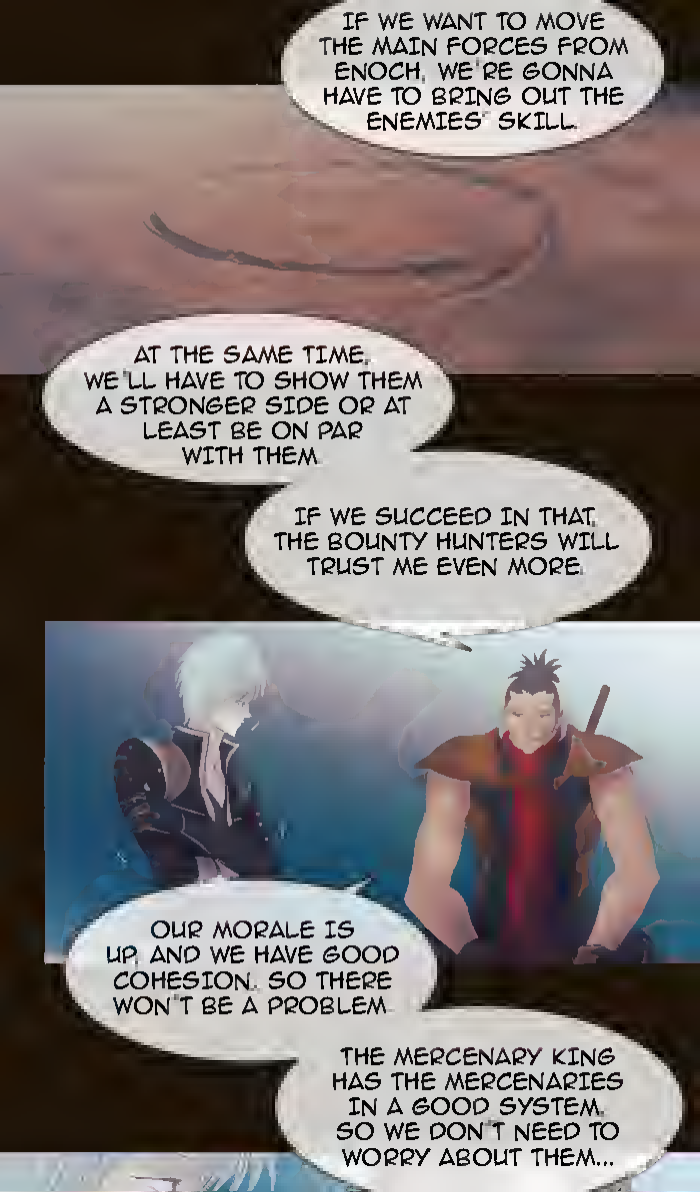
WE LOST 20% OF OUR MEN IN THAT AMBUSH.
WE AREN'T SURE ABOUT HOW MANY DEATHS THERE WERE. BUT IF THERE ARE MORE INJURIES THAN WE THOUGHT, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THOSE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM
THEN, WE'LL HAVE TO SEE THAT WE LOST 30% OF OUR MEN.
MM...

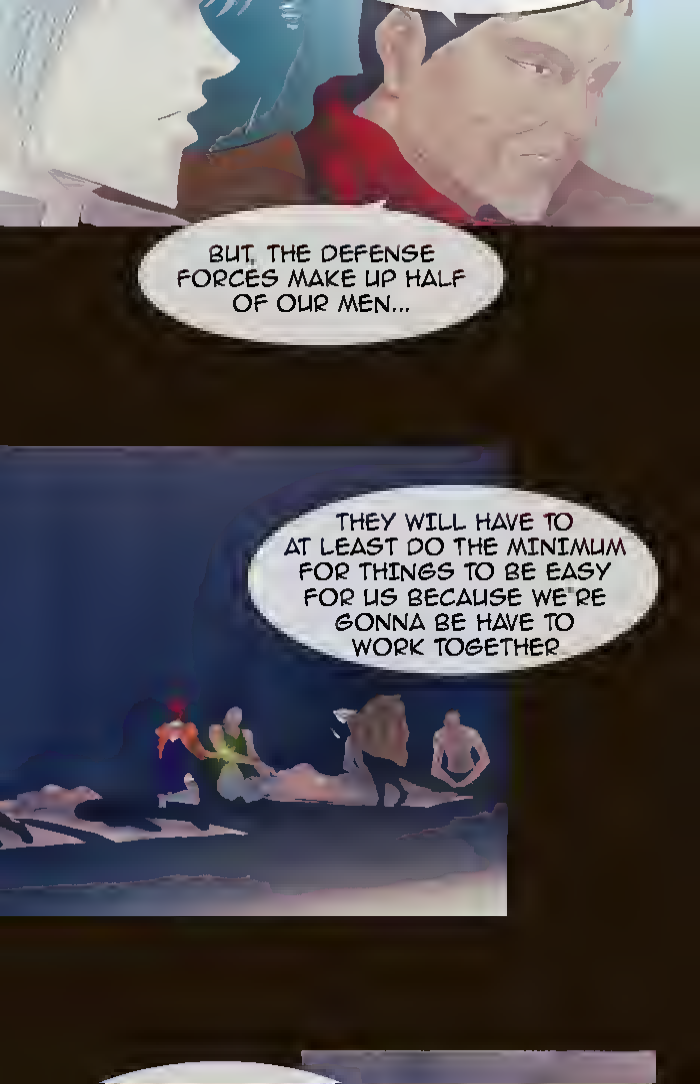
WE GOT WEAKENED A LOT BEFORE WE EVEN STARTED OUR PLAN.
I CAN'T BE SURE IF WE CAN GO THROUGH WITH OUR ORIGINAL PLAN.
IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR OUR PLAN TO SEE HOW MANY SOLDIERS THE ENEMY WOULD SEND TO THE FRONT LINES. BUT...

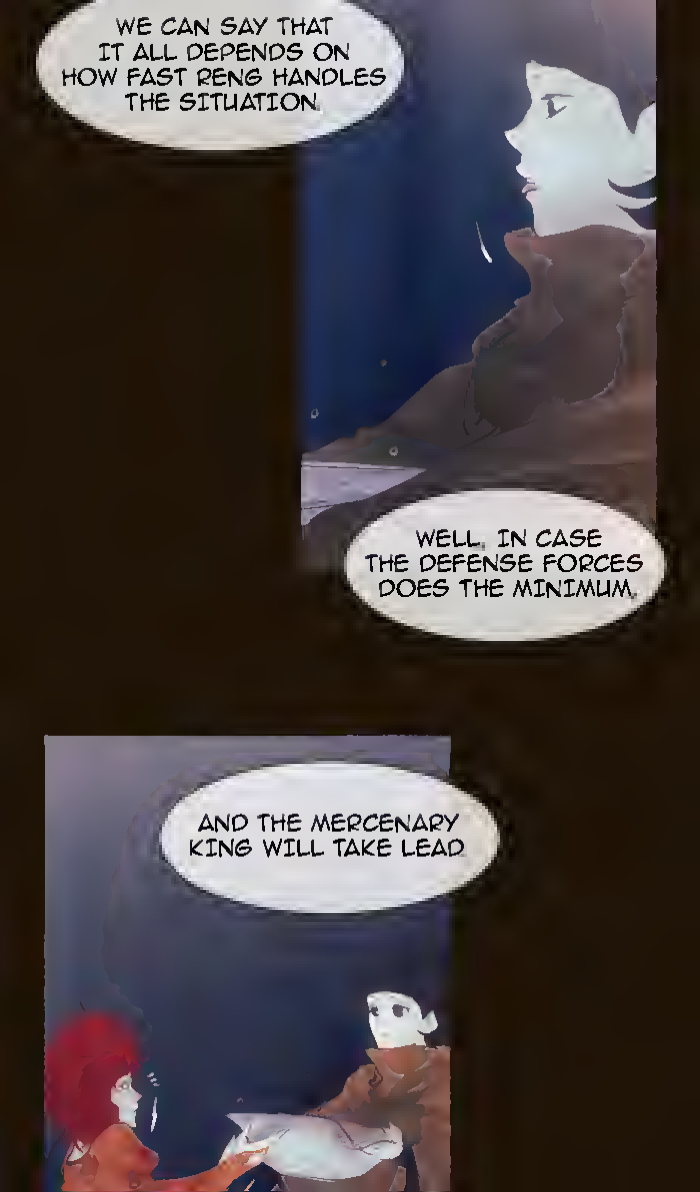
30% OF ANY ARMY IS A VERY BIG VISUAL DIFFERENCE.
THAT MEANS WE WILL HAVE TO OVERCOME THIS SITUATION IN BATTLE...
THE DEFENSE FORCES THAT TOOK A BIG HIT WILL PROBABLY WATCH FOR THEIR SAFETY.

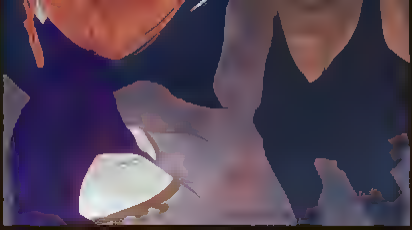
THEN, THE KEY POINT IS THE MAIN FORCES COMING FROM ENOCH...
IT'S HARD TO TELL BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WILL ACT

THINGS WILL BECOME A LOT EASIER IF WE DO SOMETHING BIG AT OUR FIRST BATTLE. BUT...
BUT, IT THE DEFENSE FORCES IS IN THAT STATE...
.....
DOES THAT MEAN EVERYTHING RELIES ON US?
EXACTLY.


IF WE WANT TO MOVE THE MAIN FORCES FROM ENOCH, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO BRING OUT THE ENEMIES' SKILL.
AT THE SAME TIME, WE'LL HAVE TO SHOW THEM A STRONGER SIDE OR AT LEAST BE ON PAR WITH THEM.
IF WE SUCCEED IN THAT, THE BOUNTY HUNTERS WILL TRUST ME EVEN MORE.
OUR MORALE IS UP, AND WE HAVE GOOD COHESION. SO THERE WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
THE MERCENARY KING HAS THE MERCENARIES IN A GOOD SYSTEM. SO WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THEM...


BUT, THE DEFENSE FORCES MAKE UP HALF OF OUR MEN...
THEY WILL HAVE TO AT LEAST DO THE MINIMUM FOR THINGS TO BE EASY FOR US BECAUSE WE'RE GONNA BE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER


WE CAN SAY THAT IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW FAST RENG HANDLES THE SITUATION.
WELL, IN CASE THE DEFENSE FORCES DOES THE MINIMUM.
AND THE MERCENARY KING WILL TAKE LEAD



WE REALLY NEED THE MERCENARY KING FOR ATTACKING THE PALACE

IF WE CAN JUST GET THERE, WE CAN RECOVER FOR THE 30% OF MEN WE LOST.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS A LOT, BUT THIS BATTLE IS OUR FIRST AND LAST CHANCE TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN.

IN THE END, THE CHANCES WILL GET SMALLER WHEN WE MEET WITH THE DEFENSE FORCES
YOU AND ETHAN ALSO HAVE YOUR PROBLEMS, SO IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD TO DRAG THIS OUT.
WE NEED TO KEEP THINKING, BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO COME UP WITH A UNIQUE PLAN.
THE WEAKNESS OF ETHERMASK'S SIDE AND THE MAIN FORCES...

OH, LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE DOZING OFF.
HAHA.
AH...
NO, I'VE BEEN LISTENING THE WHOLE TIME...

I'M SORRY.
HA.

WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING AT? IREMY?
STARTLED
WHAT?
WHAT?!!! IREMY...? HAHAHA...

?
OH, MY?
SO, UMM...
AH... HAHA...
I WAS LOOKING AROUND THERE, BUT...
UMM...

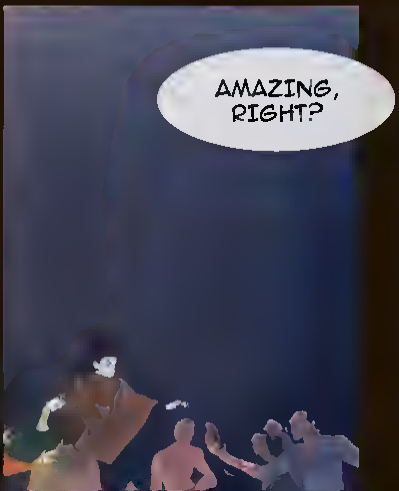
NO... ERR... UM...
HAHA, WAS I SPOT ON?
SIGH...

WHY DON'T YOU GO AROUND TELLING EVERYONE?
YOU'RE TOO RELAXED...
ACK...
I...I WAS A BIT WORRIED BUT ELLY SEEMS TO BE DOING FINE THAT'S A RELIEF.
SHE'S JUST USED TO THIS KIND OF STUFF.

BUT IT'S GONNA BE A PROBLEM FOR HER IF SHE KEEPS LIVING LIKE THIS.
YOU THINK SO, TOO?

BUT, THE ATMOSPHERE HAS GOTTEN BETTER BECAUSE ELLY IS HERE.
IN THE BEGINNING, MOST PEOPLE WERE SAYING THINGS LIKE "IS THE BATTLEFIELD A PLAYGROUND?"

NOBODY WOULD HAVE KNOWN THEY WOULD LIKE HER SO MUCH.


AMAZING, RIGHT?

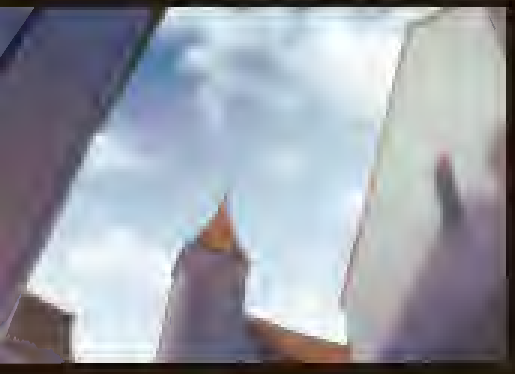
THEY ALL WERE ON GUARD WITH EACH OTHER, BUT...
WITH ELLY IN THE MIDDLE, THEY ALL STARTED TO RELY ON EACH OTHER AND BECAME CLOSER.

THAT'S ELLY'S CHARM. SHOULD I SAY THAT THEY FOCUS MORE ON ACTIONS THAN WORDS?
WELL, ELLY IS CUTER THAN IREMY, WHO TALKS A LOT.
.....

YOU AREN'T DISAGREEING, HAHA.
THEN...
SSH
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE SERIOUS STUFF WHEN WE'RE ALL TOGETHER

AFTER WE CLEAN THINGS UP HERE, WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO ORGANIZE ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
WE HAVE TO MOVE LATER IN THE DAY.
FOREVER.

THAT SOUNDS GOOD
I'M GONNA HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THE STRATEGY IN MY HEAD AGAIN



STUMP STUMP

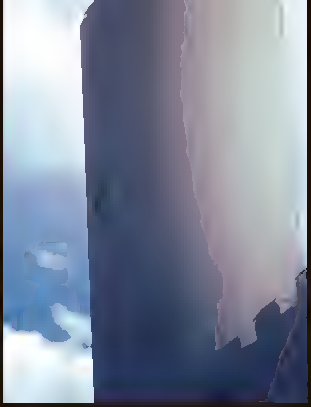
AGAIN...

THEY ARE STARTING TO MOVE MORE NOW THAT IT'S LATER IN THE DAY.
IT SEEMS THE FORCES ARE ALMOST HERE.
THAT MAY BE TRUE...

IT'S GONNA BE HARD TO MOVE AT THIS RATE... WHAT DO WE DO?
HMM...

LET'S GO BACK. THIS IS ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BE CAREFUL RATHER THAN TO MAKE ANY PROBLEMS BY GETTING CAUGHT.

IT'S GONNA BEGIN SOON.



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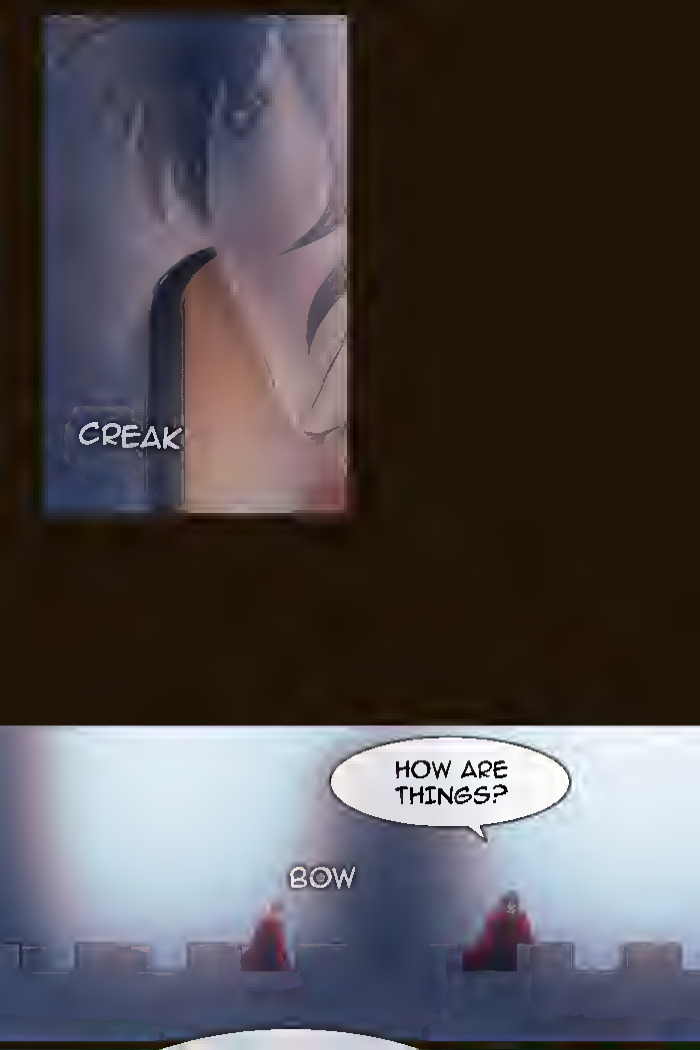

CREAK
HOW ARE THINGS?
BOW

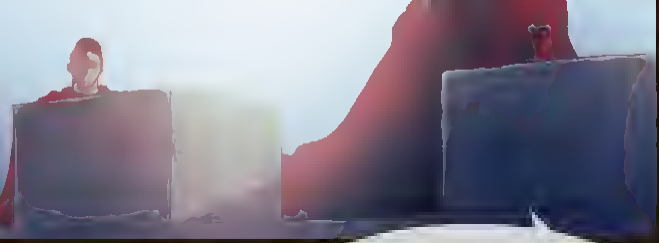
WE DID A GREAT AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO THE MYSTY FORCES IN THE NORTH PALACE. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT WE TOOK OUT HUNDREDS
UNFORTUNATELY, WE WEREN'T ABLE TO TAKE OUT MANY MEN AT THE CENTRAL PALACE. BUT THEY WERE ABLE TO PRODUCE SOME RESULTS.
THE BEST RESULTS ARE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DO HEAVY DAMAGE ON THEIR WHOLE ARMY...
MM...

YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE SOUTHERN PALACE.
THAT'S...
I HAVE CONFIRMED THE FLAMES, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD...

IT SEEMS THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT ALIVE.
.....
IF NONE OF THEM WERE ABLE TO RETURN EVEN WHEN I SAID NOT TO OVERDO IT,

DOES THAT MEAN THEY CAMPED OUTSIDE AS WELL?
IT SUCKS THAT WE HAD TO THROW AWAY THE PALACE, BUT WE'VE EARNED A LOT.
THEIR MORALE HAS PROBABLY BEEN SHAKEN, SO THEIR MOVEMENTS SHOULD HAVE BECOME SLOWER.
SINCE THEY'VE BEEN AMBUSHED ONCE, THE FEAR WILL NEVER LEAVE THEIR HEADS.

THEY HAVE NO CHOICE, BUT TO BE ON THE DEFENSIVE.
THERE ARE HOUSES NEAR THE PALACE, SO IT WILL BE HARDER TO MOVE.
IT WILL BE HARD FOR A WHILE TO MAKE A PLAN TO MANAGE THE FORCES AT NIGHT.
WE NEED TO USE THIS TO THE FULL EXTENT.
WE'RE GONNA MAKE THEM REGRET NOT ATTACKING US FROM THE FRONT.

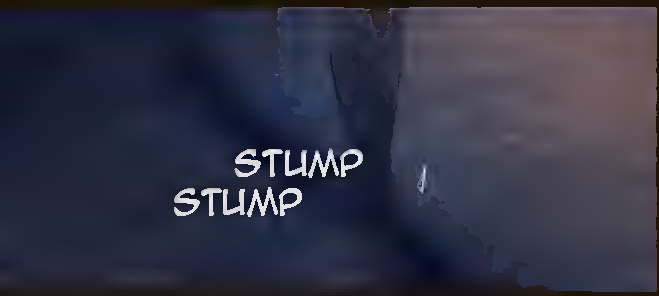


WE'RE GONNA DRY THEM OUT SLOWLY.

GET THE MEN READY.

YES.

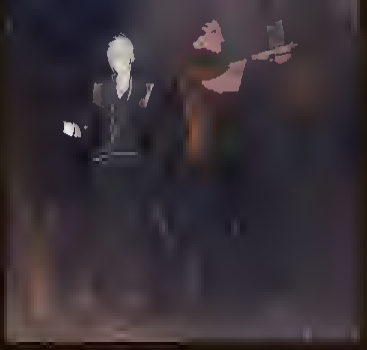
АН...


STUMP
STUMP

SIR KUIN.
KNOCK
KNOCK

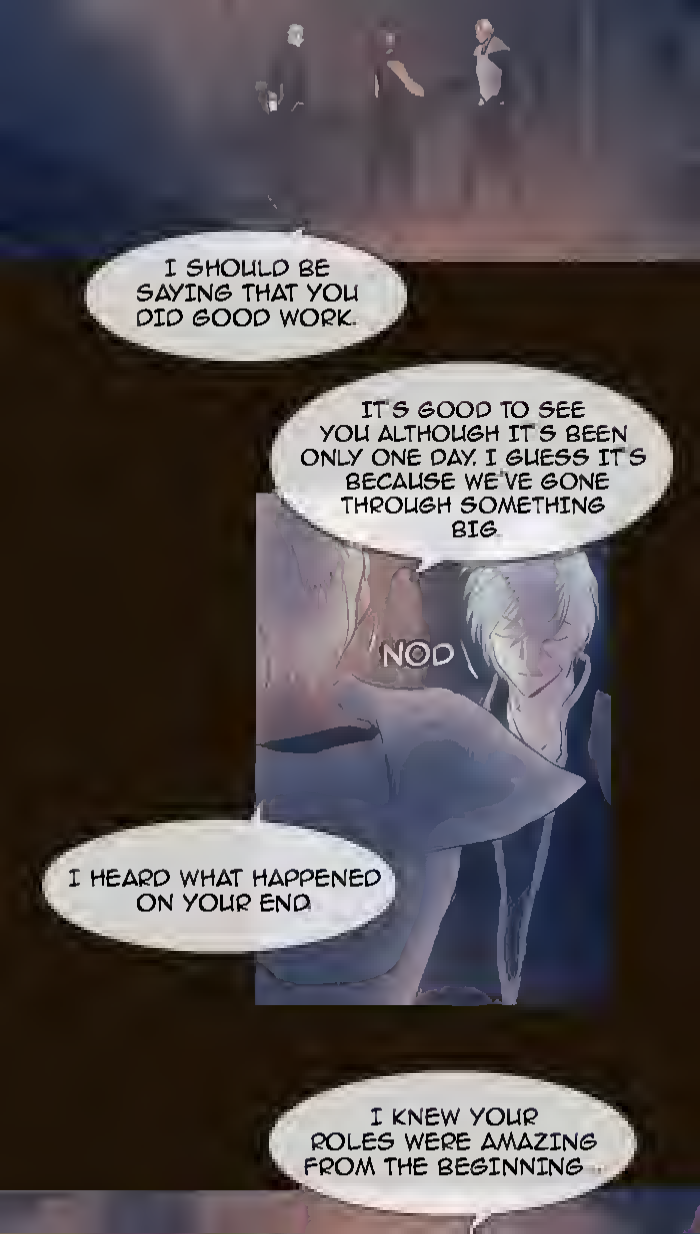
THE BOUNTY HUNTERS HAVE ARRIVED
YEAH?

BUSTLE
BUSTLE

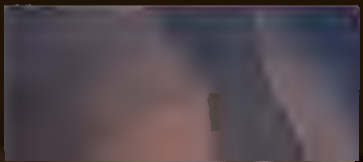


HAHA. GOOD WORK

I SHOULD HAVE COME OUT TO GREET YOUR FIRST, BUT...
I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE CHANCE BECAUSE THINGS HAVE BEEN CRAZY AROUND HERE.


I SHOULD BE SAYING THAT YOU DID GOOD WORK.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN ONLY ONE DAY. I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE WE'VE GONE THROUGH SOMETHING BIG
NOD
I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED ON YOUR END
I KNEW YOUR ROLES WERE AMAZING FROM THE BEGINNING

WELL, LET'S GO IN AND TALK.



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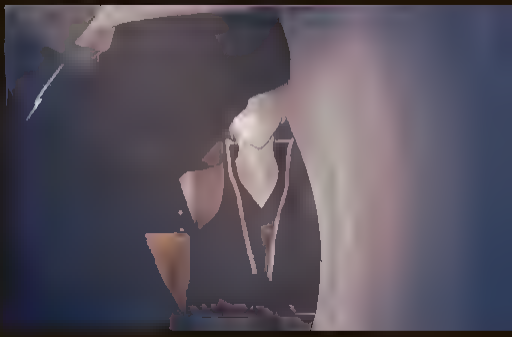
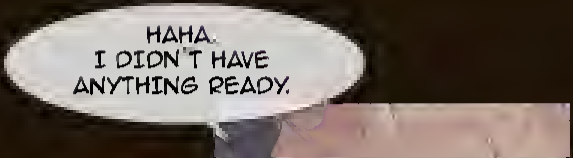
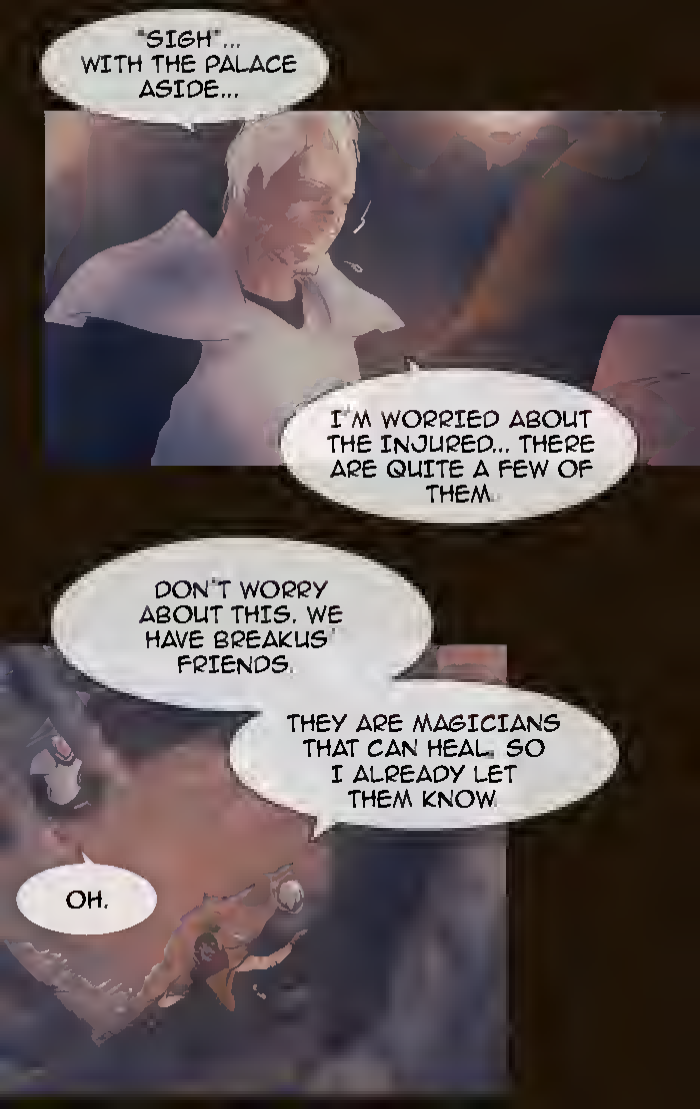
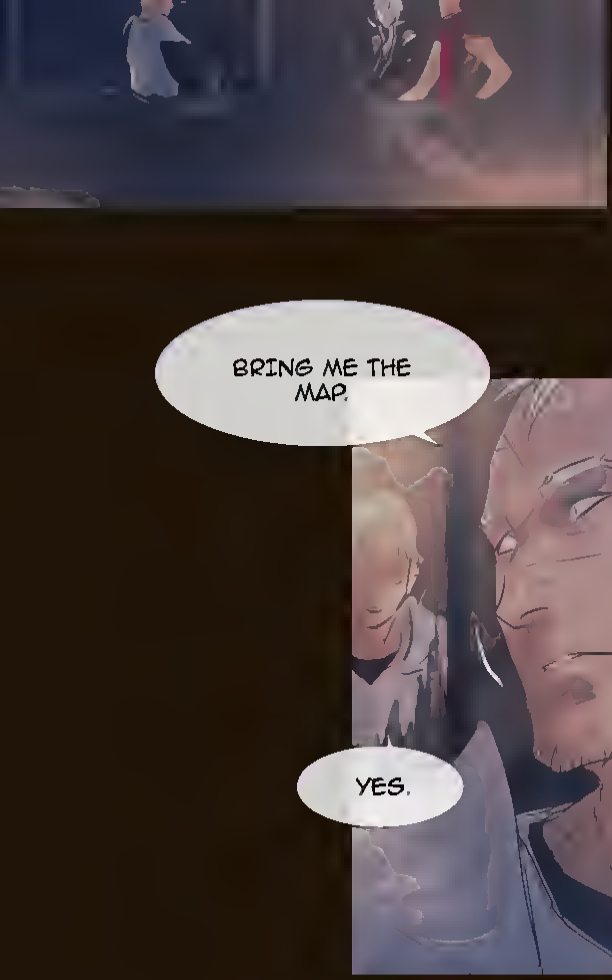



HAHA.
I DIDN'T HAVE
ANYTHING READY.

I FEEL EMBARRASSED TO OUR VISITORS.
WELL, YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IT, BUT THIS PLACE IS IN BEST CONDITION.
HAHAHA


"SIGH"... WITH THE PALACE ASIDE...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE INJURED... THERE ARE QUITE A FEW OF THEM.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THIS. WE HAVE BREAKUS' FRIENDS.
THEY ARE MAGICIANS THAT CAN HEAL, SO I ALREADY LET THEM KNOW.
OH.

THAT TAKES A LOAD OFF MY CHEST. HAHA, THANK YOU.
I'M GLAD THAT WE COULD HELP
BESIDES THAT, THE PROBLEM IS TOMORROW...
AH...

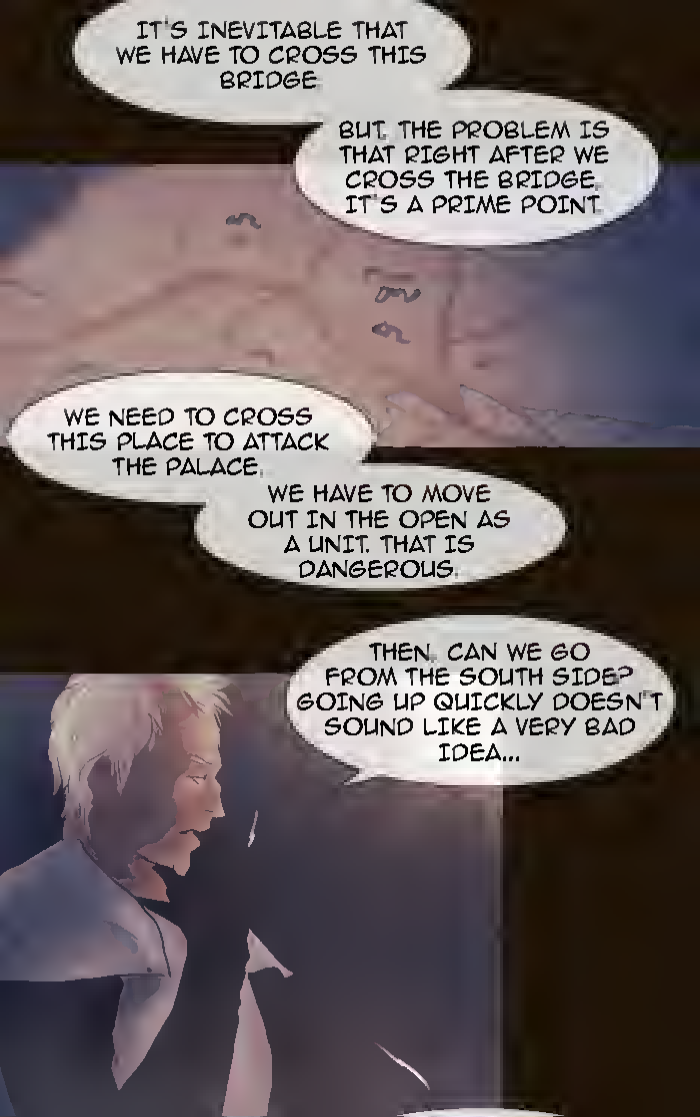

BRING ME THE MAP.
YES.

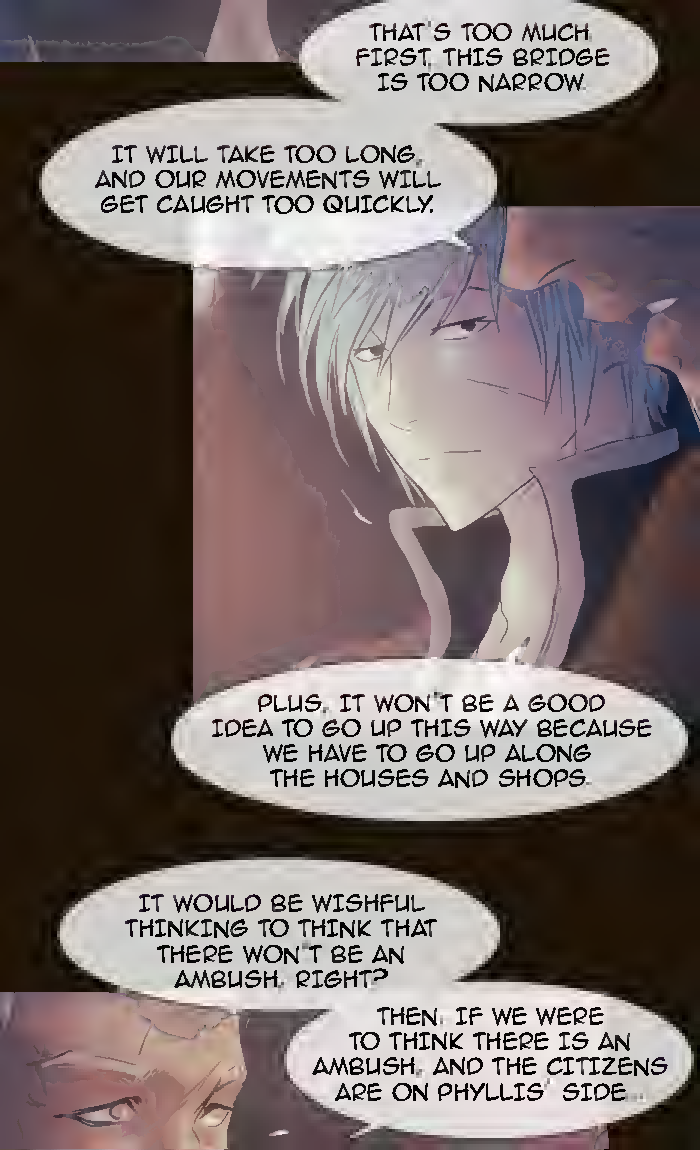
SSH
OUR FIRST REAL BATTLE. IT'S GONNA BE A JOINT OPERATION WITH US AND THE MAIN FORCES BRINGING THE HEAVY EQUIPMENT

THE FIRST BATTLE TOMORROW WILL DECIDE THE COURSE OF EVERYTHING.
THE PROBLEM IS GETTING TO ANT PALACE. UNLIKE THE MAIN FORCES THAT WILL ATTACK FROM THE FRONT...
OUR ROLE IS TO ATTACK FROM THE FLANK FIRST TO CONFUSE THEM
THEN, WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER WITH THE DEFENSE FORCES.
SINCE WE'RE THE BAIT, WE HAVE TO TAKE EVERYTHING THEY THROW AT US.
ESPECIALLY WHEN WE PASS THROUGH THE HOUSES. WE'LL BE OUT IN THE OPEN. SO IT WILL BE EASY TO GET AMBUSHED IT WILL BE DANGEROUS

OUR FIRST OBSTACLE WILL BE...
HERE.
THUD
ANT RIVER

WE WILL BE RESTRICTED BECAUSE OF THIS RIVER, BUT...
HMM...
IT'S HIGHLY POSSIBLE OUR ENEMY WILL TRY TO HIT US OVER HERE.


IT'S INEVITABLE THAT WE HAVE TO CROSS THIS BRIDGE.
BUT, THE PROBLEM IS THAT RIGHT AFTER WE CROSS THE BRIDGE, IT'S A PRIME POINT.
WE NEED TO CROSS THIS PLACE TO ATTACK THE PALACE.
WE HAVE TO MOVE OUT IN THE OPEN AS A UNIT. THAT IS DANGEROUS.
THEN, CAN WE GO FROM THE SOUTH SIDE? GOING UP QUICKLY DOESN'T SOUND LIKE A VERY BAD IDEA...


THAT'S TOO MUCH FIRST, THIS BRIDGE IS TOO NARROW.
IT WILL TAKE TOO LONG, AND OUR MOVEMENTS WILL GET CAUGHT TOO QUICKLY.
PLUS, IT WON'T BE A GOOD IDEA TO GO UP THIS WAY BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GO UP ALONG THE HOUSES AND SHOPS.
IT WOULD BE WISHFUL THINKING TO THINK THAT THERE WON'T BE AN AMBUSH, RIGHT?
THEN, IF WE WERE TO THINK THERE IS AN AMBUSH, AND THE CITIZENS ARE ON PHYLLIS' SIDE...

WE CAN'T DO THAT
WE HAVE TO AVOID ATTACKING THE CITIZENS.

THAT'S JUST AGAINST OUR GOAL OF THIS WAR, AND FEEDING ETHERMASK'S FLAMES.

NO MATTER WHAT, WE CANNOT TURN THE CITIZENS INTO ENEMIES.

MM... THAT'S TRUE. IF WE ARE UNLUCKY, THERE MAY BE ANOTHER ETHERMASK SHOWING UP.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE ONLY CHOICE WE HAVE IS TO GO WHILE BEING CAREFUL?

WE HAVE TO SIT AND WAIT FOR THEM TO ATTACK US?
WE HAVE TO ATTACK WHILE WE STILL HAVE A HANDICAP..
WHEW
WE'RE JUST GAINING LOSSES LIKE THIS.
WE AREN'T IN AS BAD A SITUATION AS YOU THINK

THE ENEMY WANTS US TO ADVANCE SLOWLY.
THINGS WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF WE HAD GOOD RESULTS. BUT...
THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE FOR US BECAUSE THE DEFENSE FORCES ALREADY TOOK A BIG HIT.
IF WE DON'T PRODUCE GOOD RESULTS THIS TIME, THE MAIN FORCES CAN'T ATTACK WITH FORCE.
WE'LL END UP GOING DOWN THE DRAIN IF WE MAKE A BIG MISTAKE IN OUR FIRST BATTLE.

I THOUGHT OF A PLAN ON THE WAY HERE...

DO YOU WANT TO HEAR IT?
WE'RE REALLY GONNA NEED YOUR HELP FOR THIS PLAN

ME?
YES.

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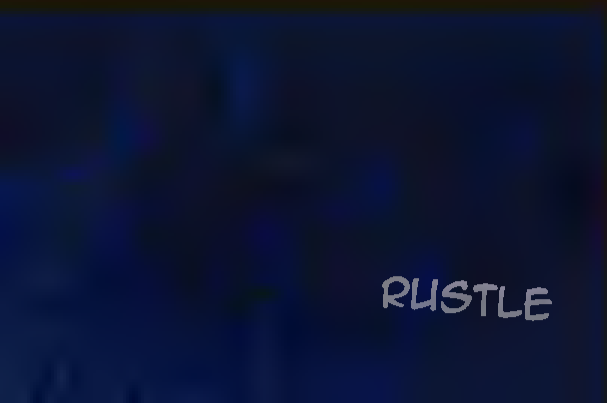
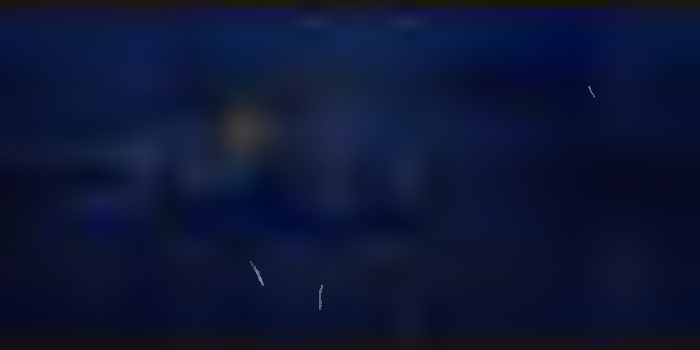

RUSTLE



ME?

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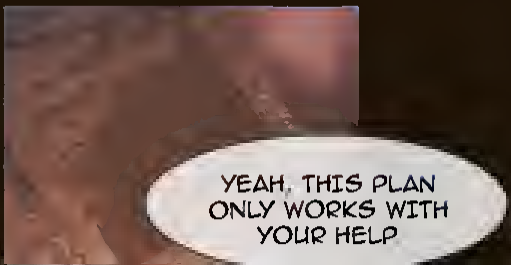


HAVEN'T YOU EVER THOUGHT...
THAT IT'S A WASTE... TO KEEP DOING THINGS THAT BRING YOU DOWN?
THERE IS NO GOOD THAT COMES OUT OF DOING THINGS FOR INCOMPETENT PEOPLE.

YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE THAT IRRATIONALITY?
ARE YOU SAYING TO DISOBEY A DIRECT ORDER?
HAHA, NO.

I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING STUPID LIKE THAT
IF WE CARRY OUT OUR PLAN LIKE THIS, WE'LL HAVE THE UPPER HAND

IT'S TRUE THAT WE ARE THE BAIT FOR THE MAIN FORCES, BUT...
YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE LEADING ONE OF THE ATTACKS FROM THE SIDE, RIGHT?
THAT'S...
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO IF THE ENEMY WAS TOO WEAK WHEN YOU ATTACKED FIRST?

WHATEVER HAPPENS, ARE YOU JUST GONNA PRETEND TO ATTACK LIKE ORDERED?
I'M ASKING IF YOU SHOULD GIVE YOUR ENEMY TIME TO GET READY WHEN THEY'RE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.
AH...
THAT'S...

YES.

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TOOK A PALACE THAT HAD 400 SOLDIERS WITH JUST 30 MEN.

YOU HAVE ABOUT 1,000 MEN WITH YOU THIS TIME.

BECAUSE OF THE MAIN FORCES ADVANCING, THE MOST OF THE ENEMY FORCES WILL BE TOWARDS THE NORTH GATE.

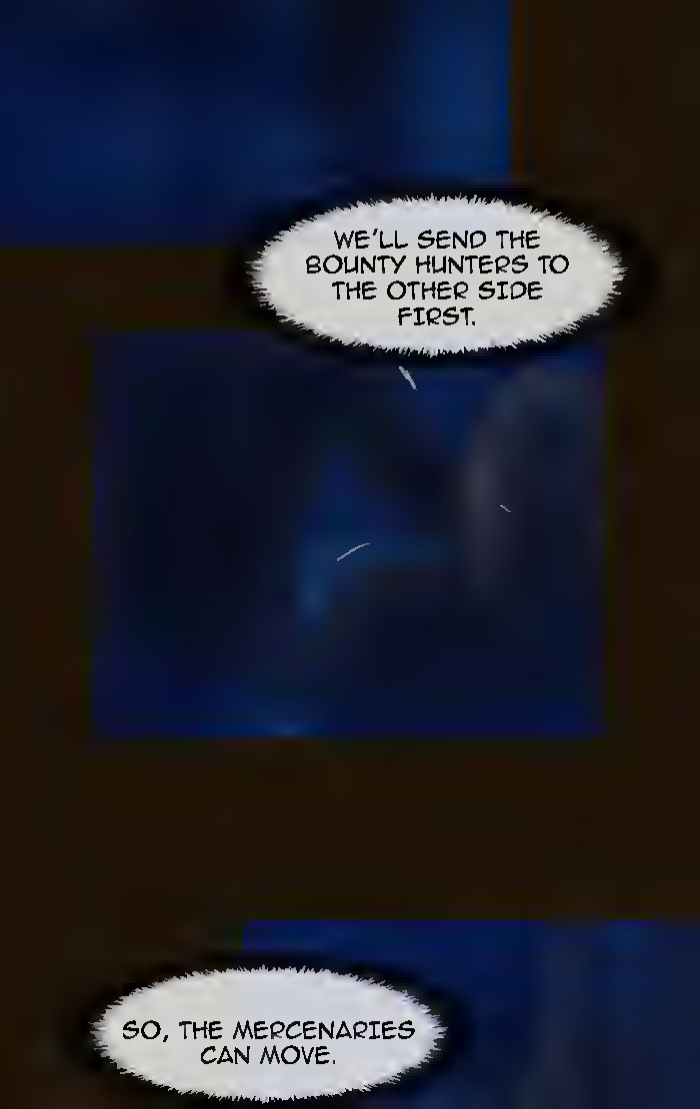
GRIN
YOU THINK WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE DOWN A PALACE GATE IN THIS SITUATION?
I'LL GET YOU TO THE PALACE SAFELY.

.....
YOUR DUTY WILL BE TO OPEN THE PALACE GATE.
SIR KUIN. WE HAVE GOT SIGNAL FROM THE BOUNTY HUNTERS.
REALLY?

IS THIS THE LAST ROTATION?
I THINK RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME TO GO
LOOKING AT THE TIME OF THE ROTATIONS, WE'LL BE REVEALED AT THE NEXT ONE.
SIGNAL THE BOUNTY HUNTERS, AND TELL OUR MEN TO GET READY.

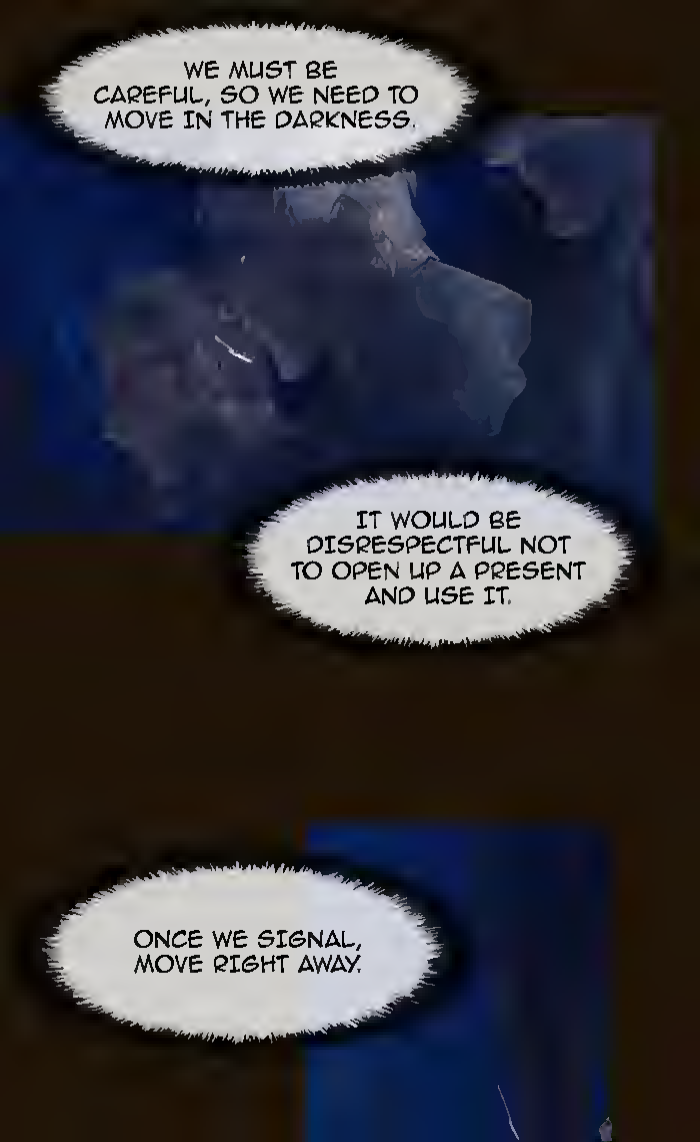
YES.
THE PLAN WILL BEGIN BEFORE DAWN WHEN IT IS STILL VERY DARK.
SSH

THAT'S WHEN THEY SHOULD BE RELAXED AND SLEEPY, SO IT'S THE PERFECT TIME TO STRIKE.
BEFORE IT GETS BRIGHT, WHEN IT'S THE LAST ROTATION...


WE'LL SEND THE BOUNTY HUNTERS TO THE OTHER SIDE FIRST.
SO, THE MERCENARIES CAN MOVE.

I'M SURE THEY WILL MAKE A WAY BEFOREHAND.
ACK!

THE GUARDS NEXT TO THE BRIDGE HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF.
WE WILL ALL MOVE QUIETLY.

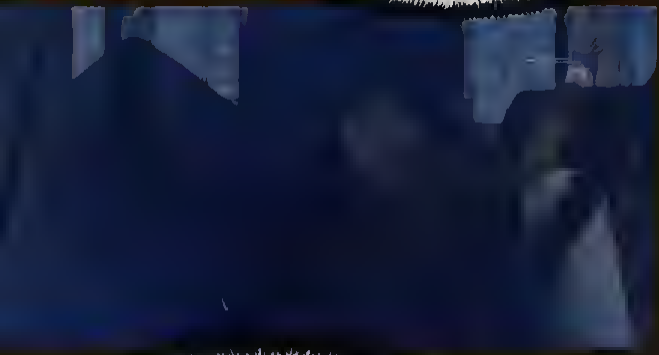

WE MUST BE CAREFUL, SO WE NEED TO MOVE IN THE DARKNESS.
IT WOULD BE DISRESPECTFUL NOT TO OPEN UP A PRESENT AND USE IT.
ONCE WE SIGNAL, MOVE RIGHT AWAY.

WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE IN THE SHADOWS,
AND AVOID THE STREETS WHEN COMING BACK.
WE'LL HAVE TO BE EVEN MORE CAREFUL WHEN PASSING BY THE HOUSES.

OUR MEN WILL PAVE THE WAY BEFOREHAND, BUT...
WE CAN'T WORRY ABOUT INSIDE THE BUILDINGS AS WELL.
WE ALL NEED TO BE CAREFUL STARTING HERE.

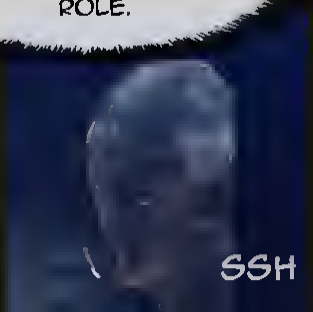
LET EVERYONE KNOW NOT TO MAKE A SOUND.
!!!

ONCE WE PASS THE HOUSES SAFELY,



WE FINISHED THE FIRST PART OF OUR MISSION.

FROM HERE, IT'S TIME TO PLAY YOUR ROLE.



SSH

WE REALLY CAME
ALL THE WAY HERE

NOD
GET EVERYONE READY.

YES.
I'M LUCKY TO SEE THIS.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WE WOULD GET TO SEE THE MERCENARY KING IN ACTION?

HOW WILL HE ATTACK OVER THOSE PALACE WALLS...?
I'M REALLY EXCITED.

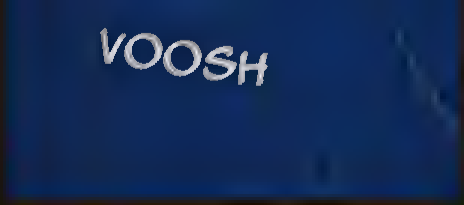
SWISH

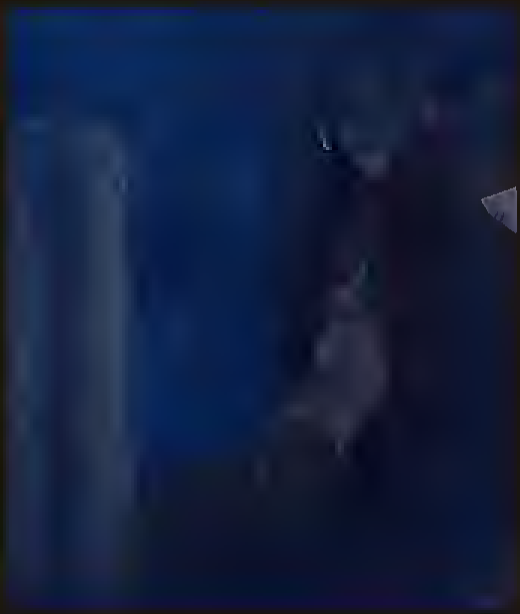
WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO? THEY'RE STICKING TO THE WALLS...
MM...
ARE THEY GOING TO CLIMB THE PALACE WALLS?

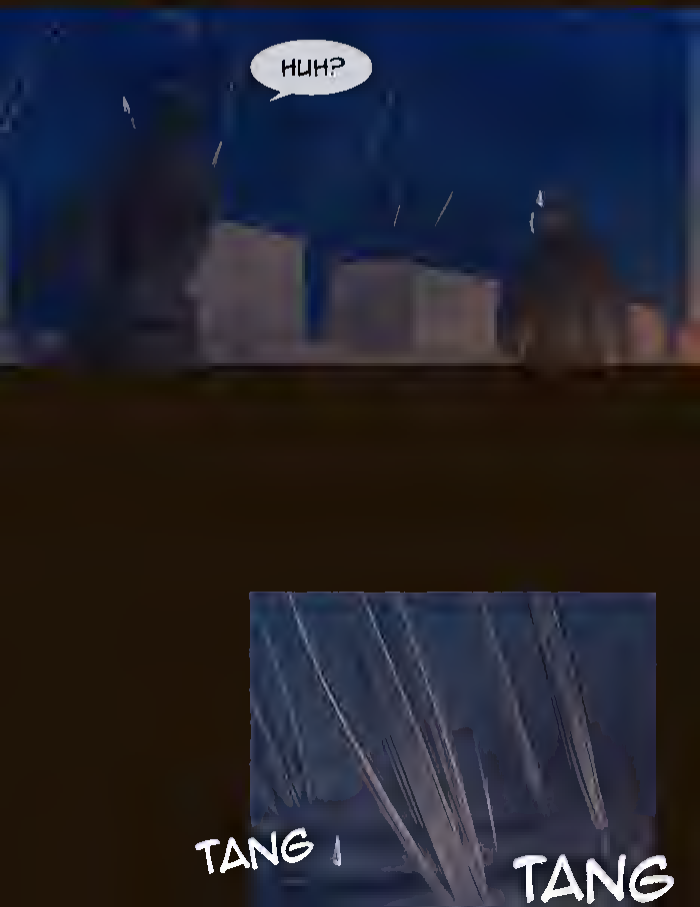
WAS THIS CLASSIC STRATEGY THE SECRET BEHIND THE MERCENARY KING'S SIEGE?
CREAK

THAT'S WHY THEY BROUGHT THIS HUGE CATAPULT.
TWO ROPES?
NO WAY...

VOOSH


VOOSH




HUH?
TANG
TANG

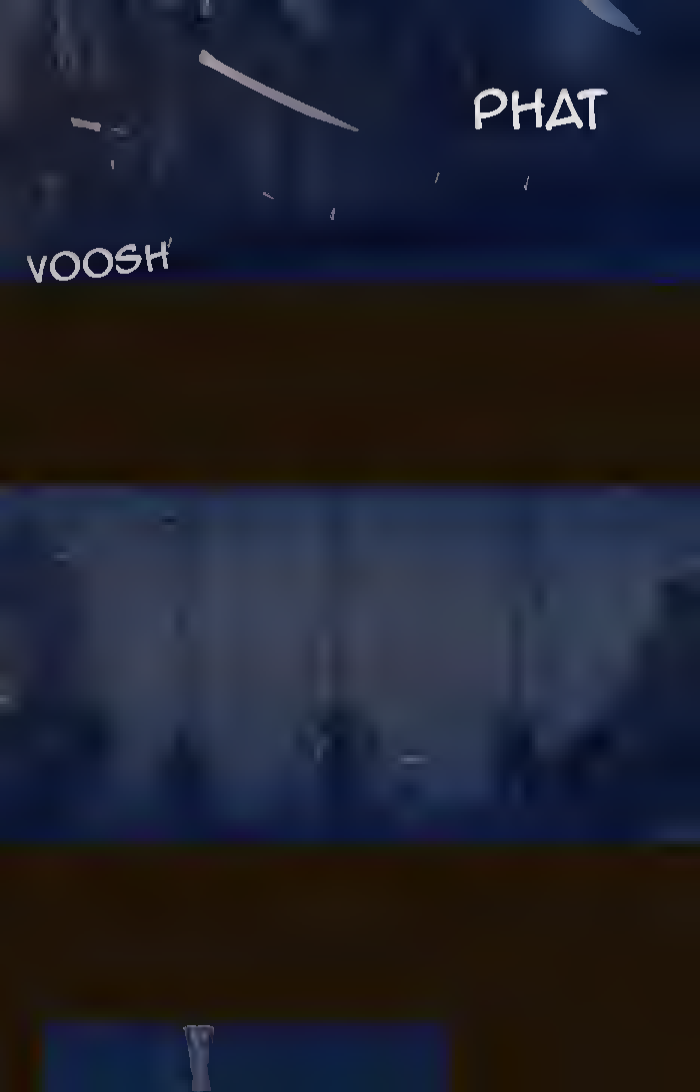
PHAT

PHAT PHAT
AH...

ummm...

GO!!!
AHHHHH!!!
CLANG
CLANG

CLANK


PHAT
VOOSH

KATA KATA

STAND

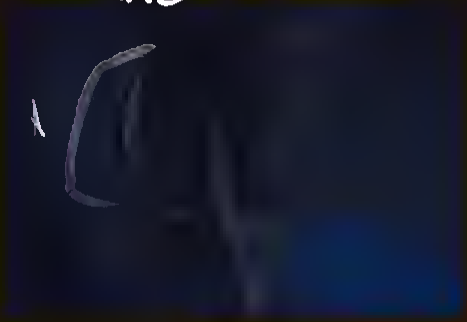
AH, THIS WAS
WHAT IT WAS.

IT'S THE ENEMY!!!

AMBUSH!!!
WHY ARE YOU GUYS JUST STANDING THERE?!!!
FIRST...!
PHAT

PHAT

CLANG



SPLAT
PIERCE
IT'S AN ATTACK!!!
BANG BANG
BANG BANG BAG

THESE BASTARDS...!!!
SPLAT
TAK

FLOP
WE TOOK CARE OF THE TOP, SO EVERYONE COME OVER HERE!!!

SLAM
WHAT THE...?!!!

WINCE

HOW...?
KRE...
DAMN IT...
GET RID OF THEM!!!

PROTECT
THE PALACE!!!
CLANK
CLANK

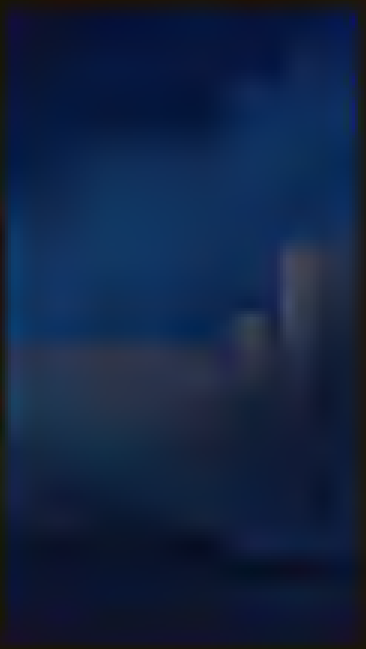
I'M NOT DISAPPOINTED
THIS MUCH IS VERY SUCCESSFUL

SO, UNTIL THE MERCENARY KING OPENS THE GATES,
WE'LL BE READY NEAR THE HOUSES AND STOP THE ENEMY'S ATTACK.
THE ENEMY WILL BE FLUSTERED AND WILL RUSH OUT TO STOP US.

WE NEED TO STOP THEM WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES UNTIL THE SECOND SQUAD WAITING AT THE RIVER BANK GETS HERE.

MAKE SURE TO STAY HIDDEN, AND COVER THE MERCENARIES.

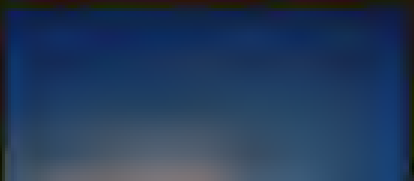
WE'LL ATTACK FROM BOTH SIDES WHEN THE SECOND SQUAD GETS HERE
IF YOU'VE ALL UNDERSTOOD GET INTO POSITION AND GET READY TO ATTACK
YES!!!

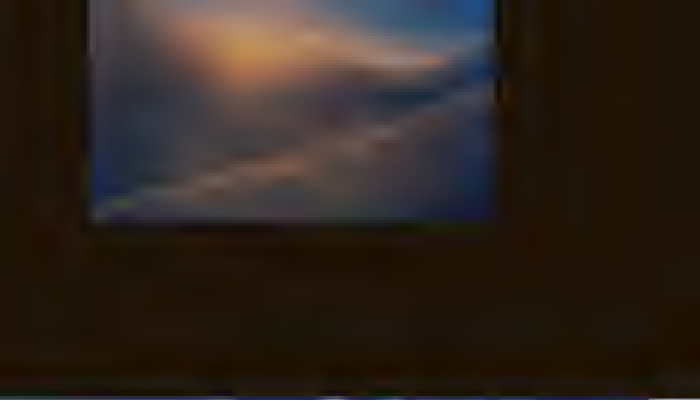


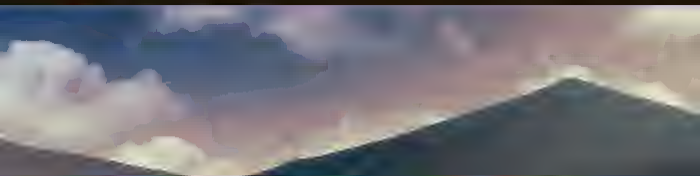
WHAT THE?
IT LOOKS LIKE
THEY ALREADY STARTED
THE ATTACK

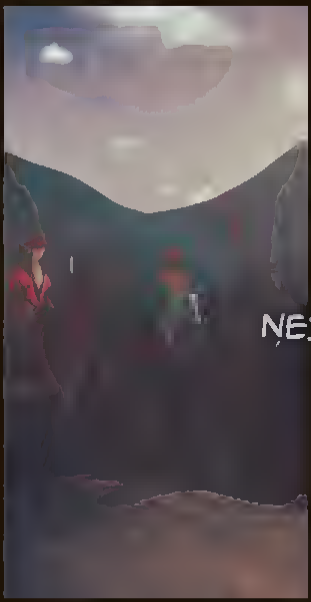
AT THIS TIME?
WHAT IS HE PLANNING?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

KRG!

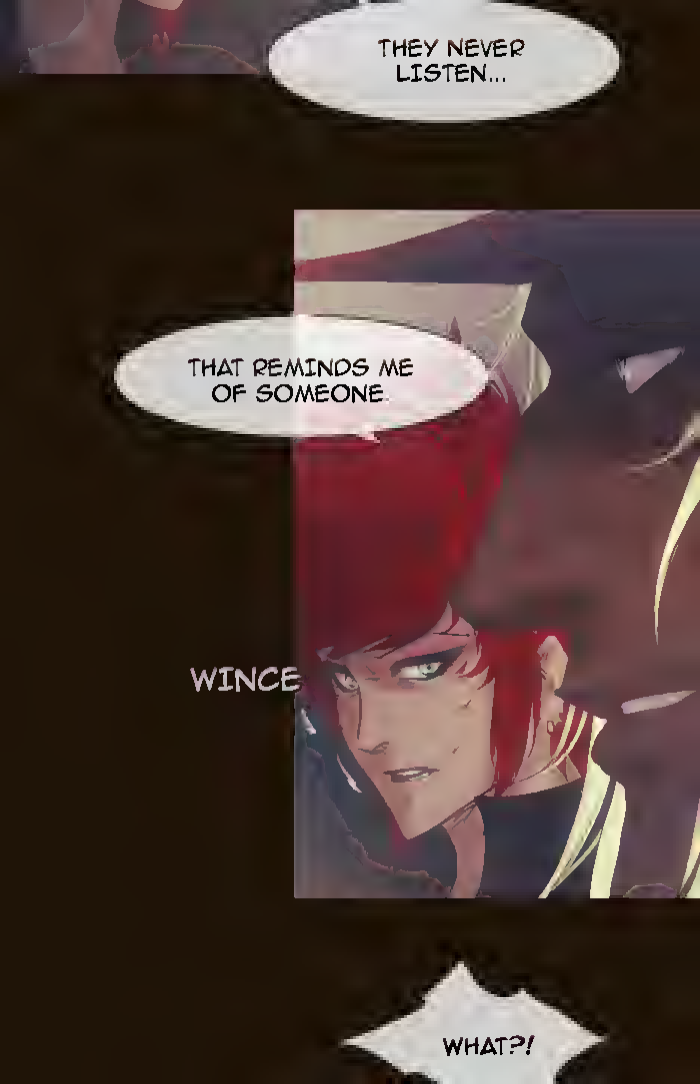







NEIGH

THE WESTERN WALLS OF THE PALACE SEEM TO BE IN A RUCKUS.
HAVE THEY ALREADY STARTED THE ATTACK?
GUYS WITHOUT FUNDAMENTALS JUST DO WHATEVER THEY WANT.
HMPH!


THEY NEVER LISTEN...
THAT REMINDS ME OF SOMEONE.
WINCE
WHAT?!

WHY ARE YOU GETTING ALL WORKED UP?
DID I SOUND LIKE I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOU?
KRG...!
HOWEVER THEY DO IT, IF THEY MAKE A MESS IN THE PALACE, I'D SAY THEY DID THEIR JOB JUST FINE.

PHT!
WE'LL KNOW HOW ETHERMASK HANDLES THE SITUATION ONCE WE START MOVING.
WE'LL SEE IF THOSE WALLS ARE IMPENETRABLE.

OR IF IT'S JUST A FANCY PALACE MADE OF SAND
AH...
SIR ETHAN...

AT THE WESTERN WATCHTOWER...

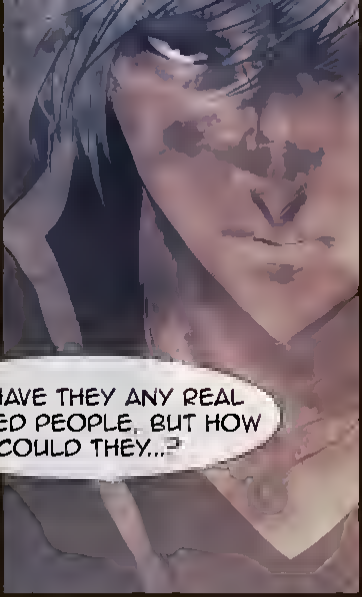
WATCHTOWER?

?!!!
FLUTTER

THAT FLAG...
I'M SURE THAT'S...

THEY TOOK THE WEST SIDE IN ONE GO?
WHAT?
AHEM
ARE YOU SAYING THEY GOT THROUGH THE PALACE GATES?

WITHOUT ANY HEAVY ARTILLERY?
THAT HUGE PALACE WALL?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. IT'S NOT LIKE THEY HAVE THE MAGICIAN FORCES...



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FLUTTER
FLUTTER

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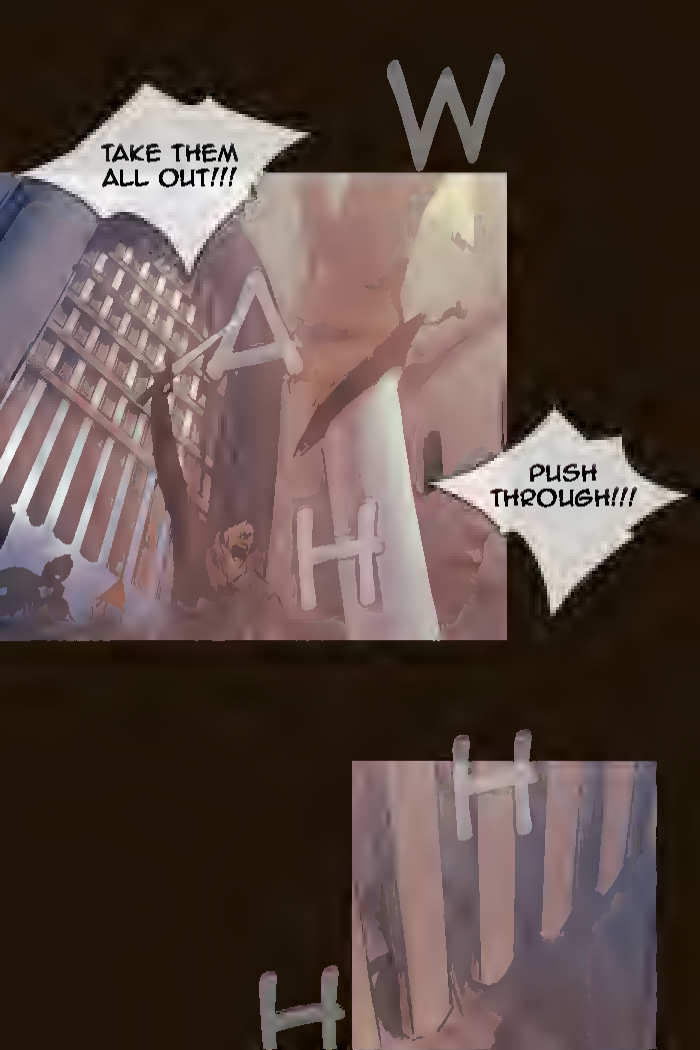
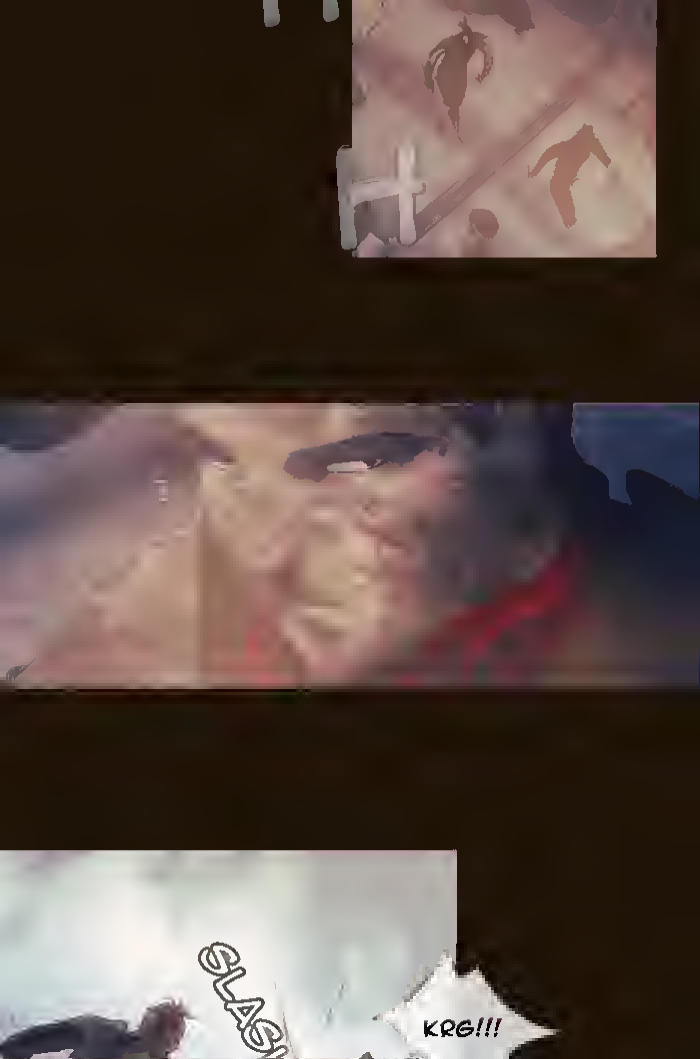
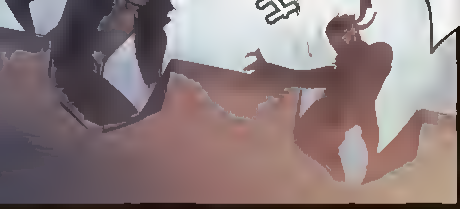
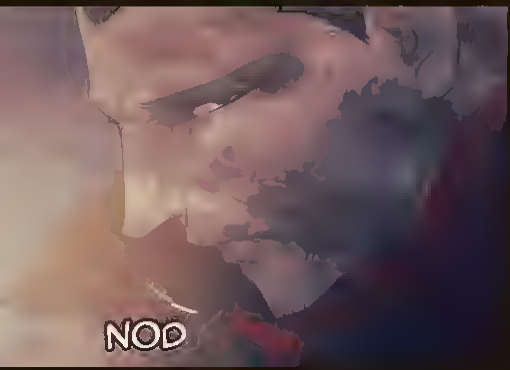

TAKE THEM ALL OUT!!!
PUSH THROUGH!!!


SLASH
KRG!!!

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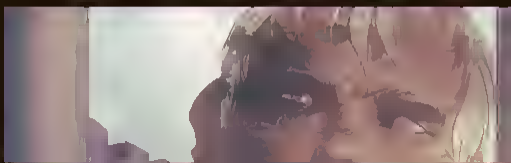
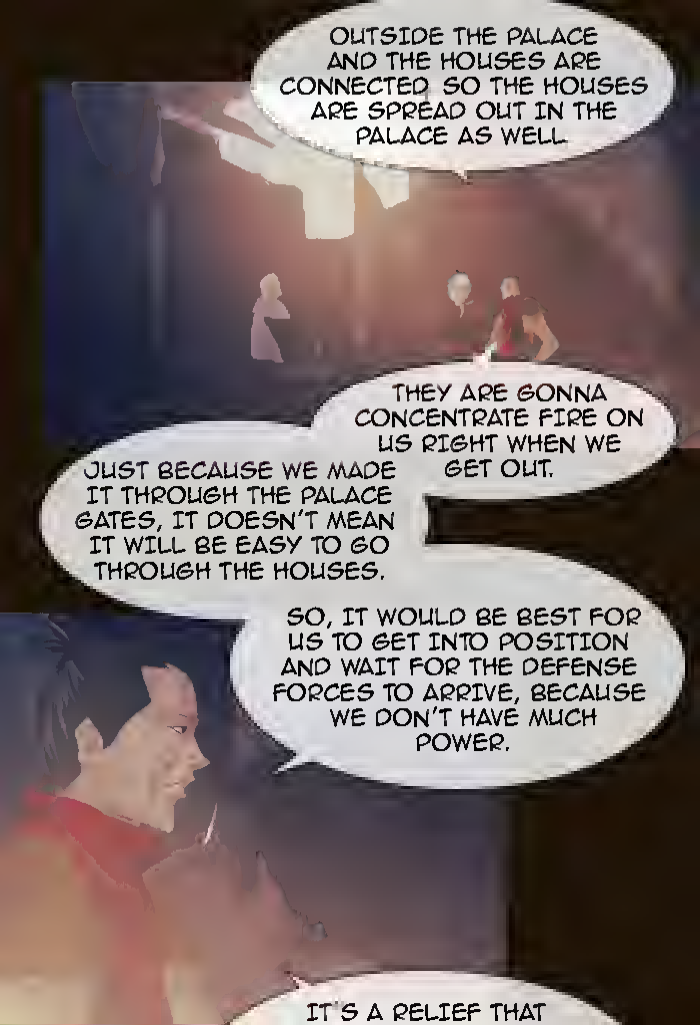
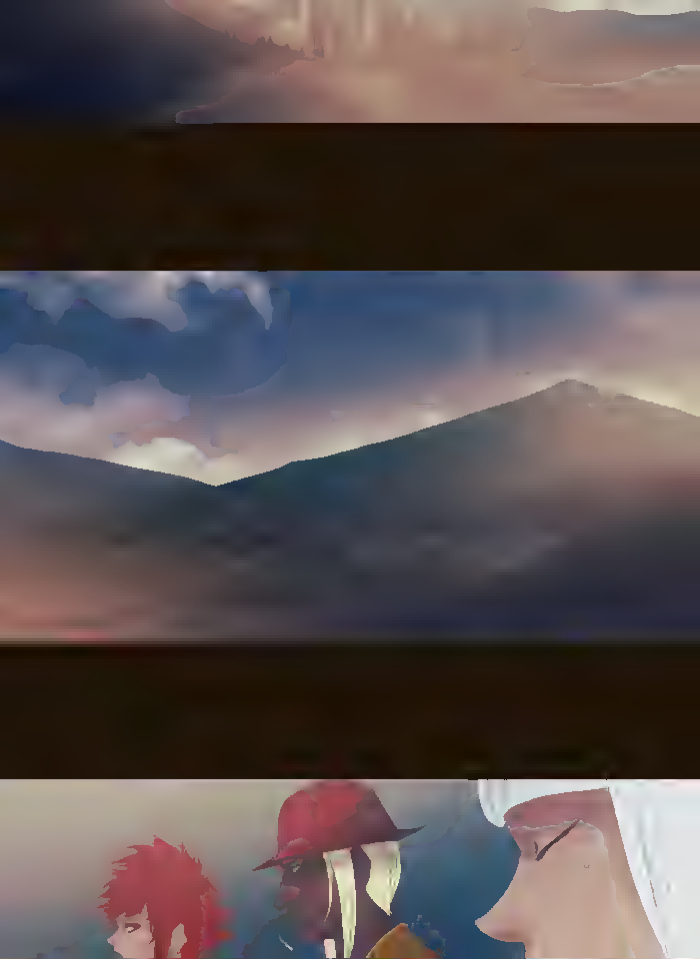


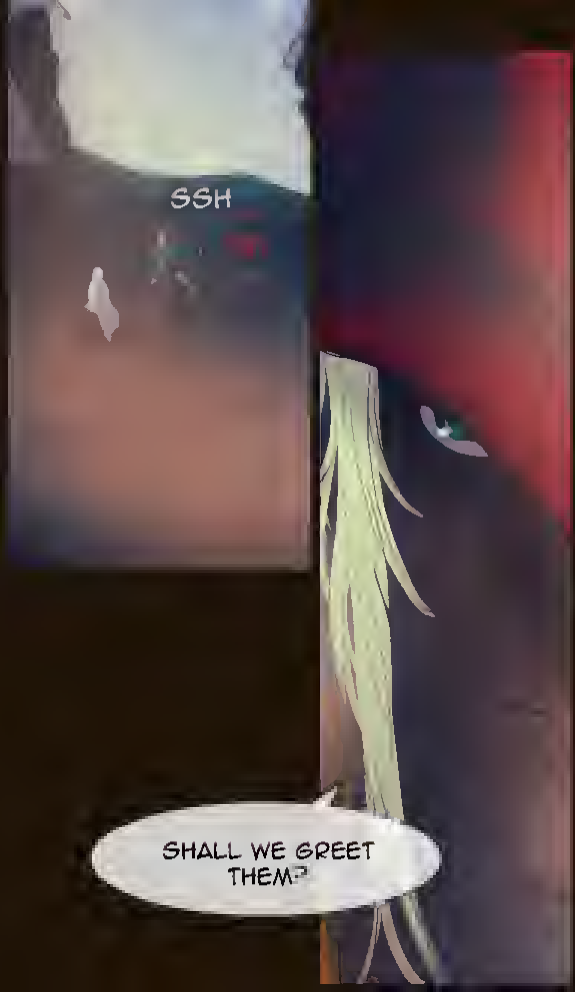
NOD
YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT EVEN IF WE GET THROUGH THE GATE, IT WON'T BE EASY TO DO IN ONE TRY.
CLEAR THE AREA OUT AND GET INTO POSITION!!!
WE'RE GONNA FINISH UP BEFORE THE ENEMY GETS HERE!


OUTSIDE THE PALACE AND THE HOUSES ARE CONNECTED SO THE HOUSES ARE SPREAD OUT IN THE PALACE AS WELL.
THEY ARE GONNA CONCENTRATE FIRE ON US RIGHT WHEN WE GET OUT.
JUST BECAUSE WE MADE IT THROUGH THE PALACE GATES, IT DOESN'T MEAN IT WILL BE EASY TO GO THROUGH THE HOUSES.
SO, IT WOULD BE BEST FOR US TO GET INTO POSITION AND WAIT FOR THE DEFENSE FORCES TO ARRIVE, BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH POWER.
IT'S A RELIEF THAT

THE FORCES IN THE NORTH AREN'T GOING TO PULL OUT BECAUSE THE MAIN FORCES FROM ENOCH ARE WAITING.
IF WE PUT OUR GUARD DOWN A BIT, THE FORCES FROM ENOCH WILL NOT LOSE THEIR CHANCE
Mmm...
WE'RE MOST LIKELY GOING TO BE CONFRONTING THEM AT EITHER THE WEST OR NORTH SIDE FOR A WHILE.



THEY ARE TRYING THAT HARD TO GET ETHERMASK.
HEH.
WE CAN'T JUST SIT BY AND WATCH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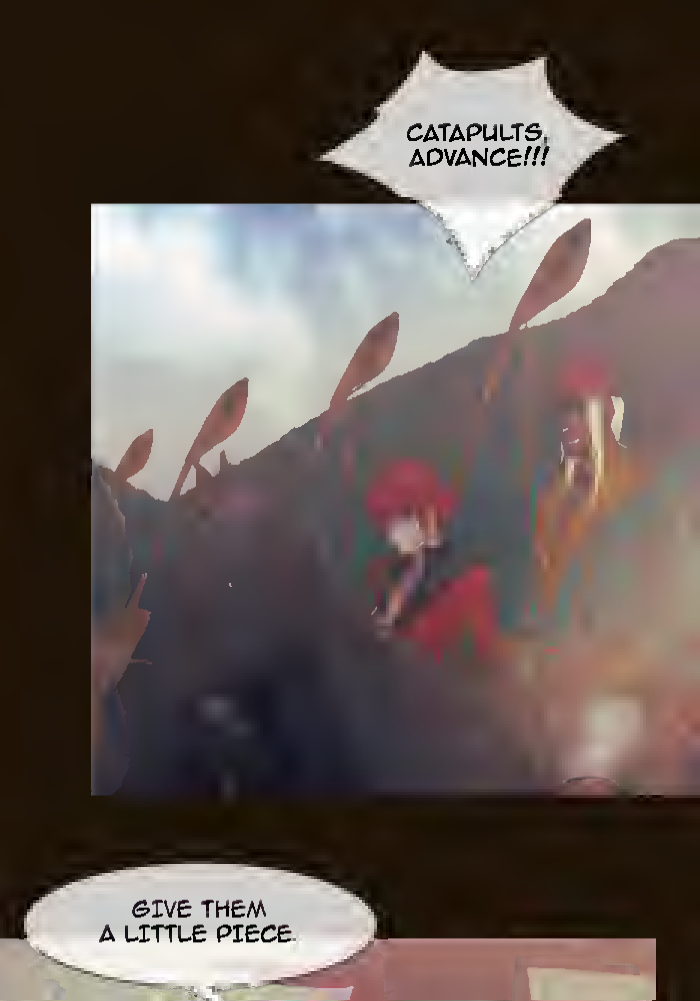
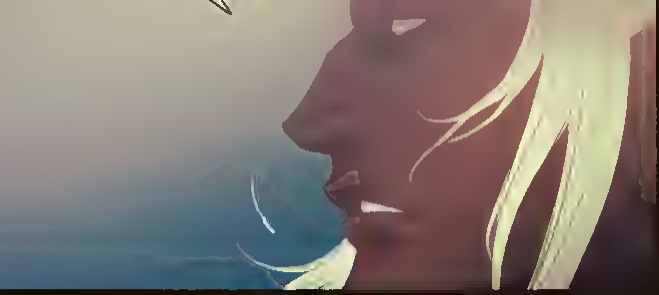
SHALL WE GREET THEM?


CATAPULTS, ADVANCE!!!
GIVE THEM A LITTLE PIECE.



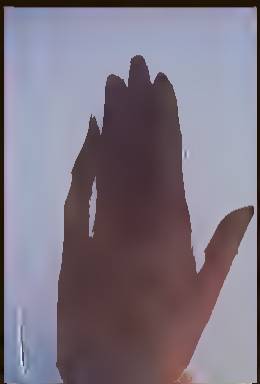
SIR KARZA!!!
THE ENEMY IS GETTING THEIR CATAPULTS READY!!!

CLANK
CLANK

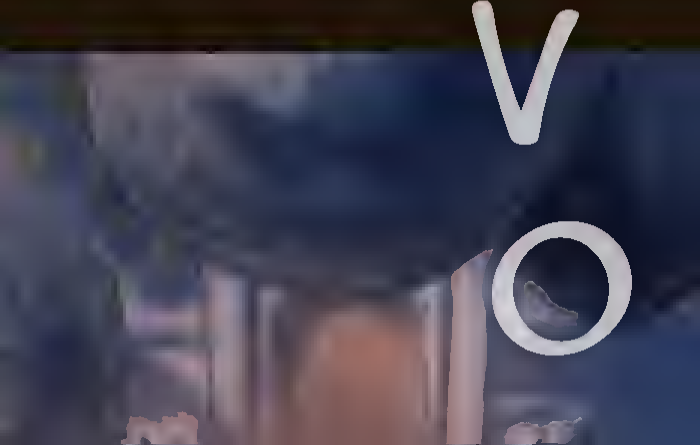
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

MAGICIAN FORCES, TO THE FRONT.
SHALL WE SEE WHAT THEY'VE GOT?

THUMP
THUMP



RAISE
ATTACK!!!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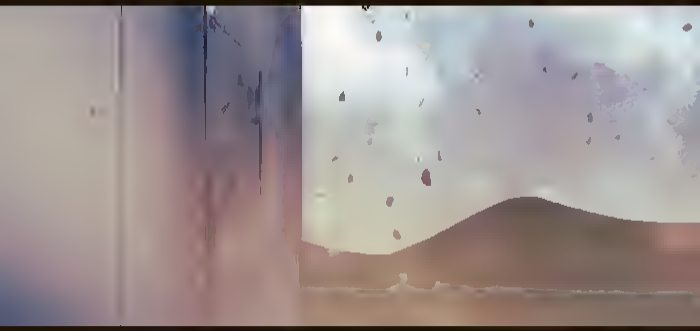
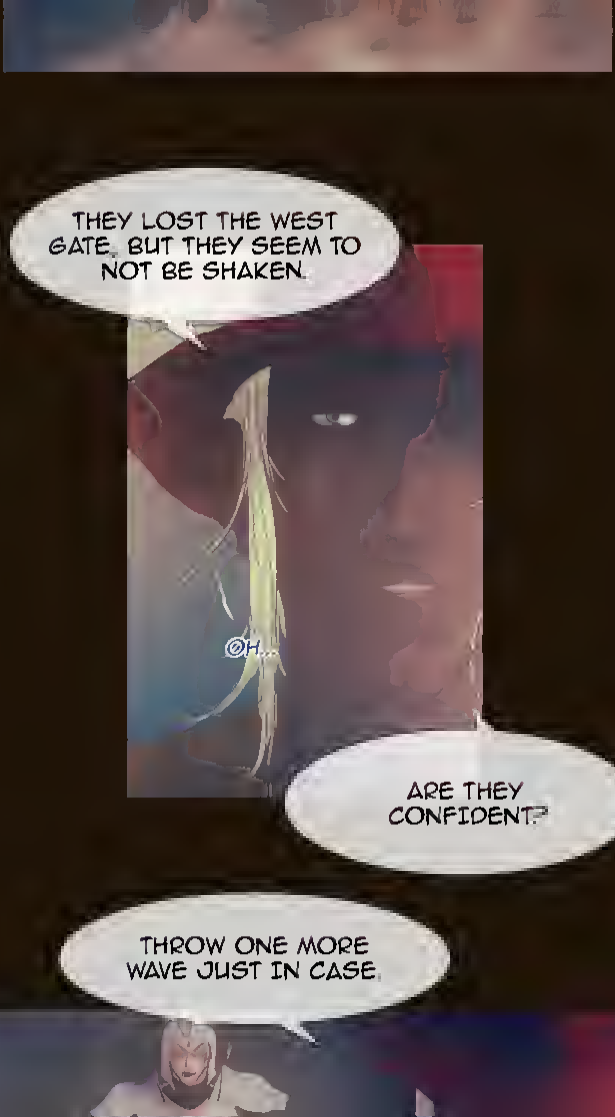
HUMM

CRACK
CRACKLE

BANG

BANG
PATTER
PATTER




THEY LOST THE WEST GATE, BUT THEY SEEM TO NOT BE SHAKEN.
©H...
ARE THEY CONFIDENT?
THROW ONE MORE WAVE JUST IN CASE.

YES!!!
SECOND ATTACK. GET READY!!!
DOES THIS LOOK LIKE A JOKE TO YOU? IS IT FUN TO MESS AROUND?

I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING IF YOU WANT TO BLEED THEM DRY...

WE HAVEN'T COMPLETELY FIGURED OUT THE POWER OF THE ENEMY.
THERE'S NO NEED TO SHOW ALL OF OUR POWER FIRST
WE CAN'T BE SURE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT ETHERMASK IS INSIDE THERE, RIGHT?

YOU ALWAYS LOOK DOWN ON ETHERMASK, BUT HE ISN'T SOMEONE TO BE LOOKED DOWN UPON LIKE THAT...
AH. I'M SICK OF LISTENING TO YOU.

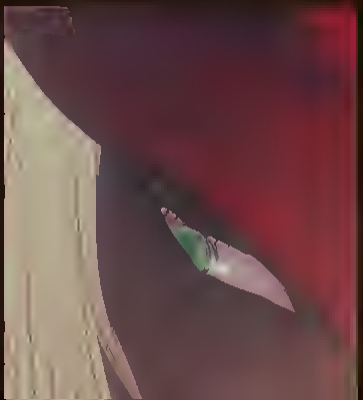
IS IT BECAUSE YOU LIVED LIKE A DEAD RAT ALL OF THOSE YEARS?

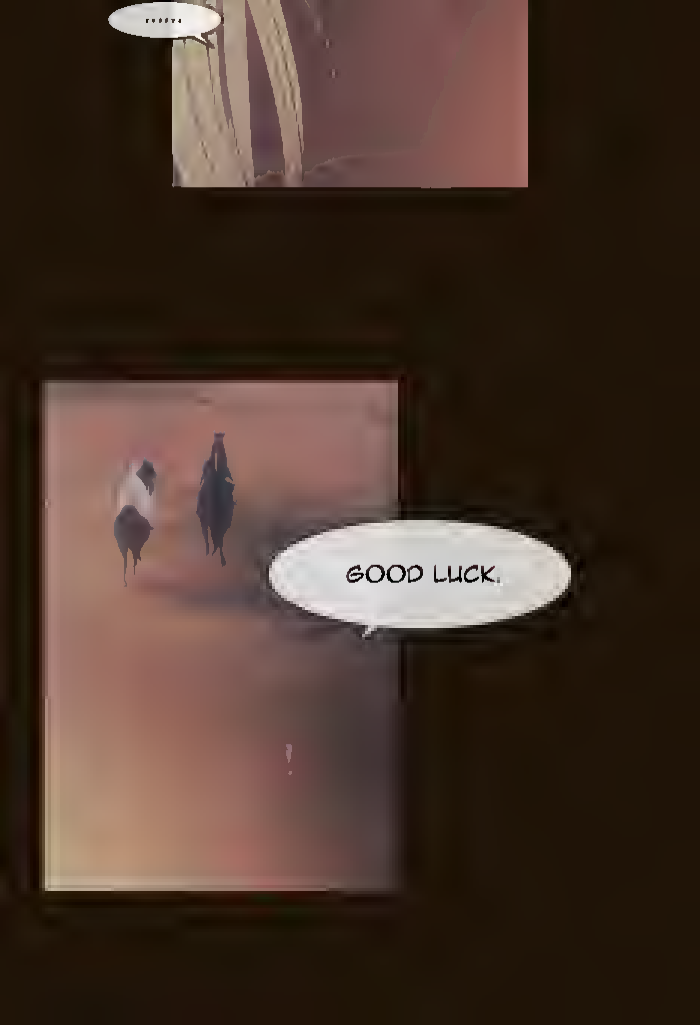
YOU'VE BECOME A MASTER AT HOLDING BACK.

THEN, THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO BE

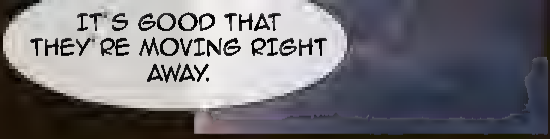
STEPPING IN ANY TIME SOON, RIGHT?

I'M BORED SO I MIGHT AS WELL GO TO SLEEP



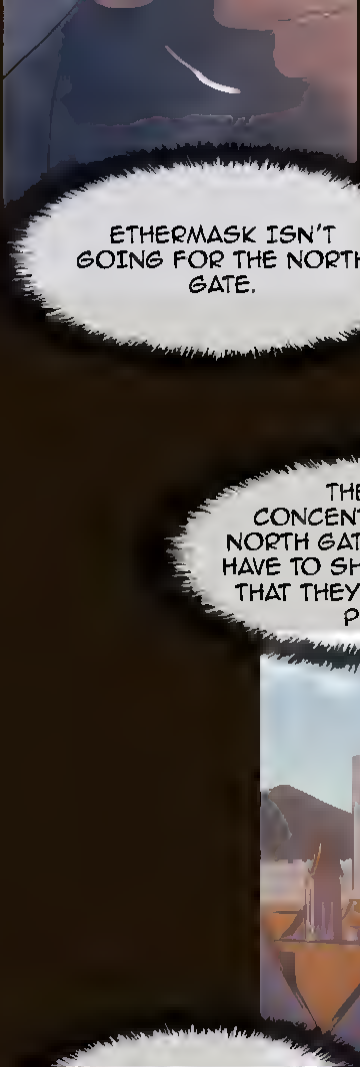

GOOD LUCK.

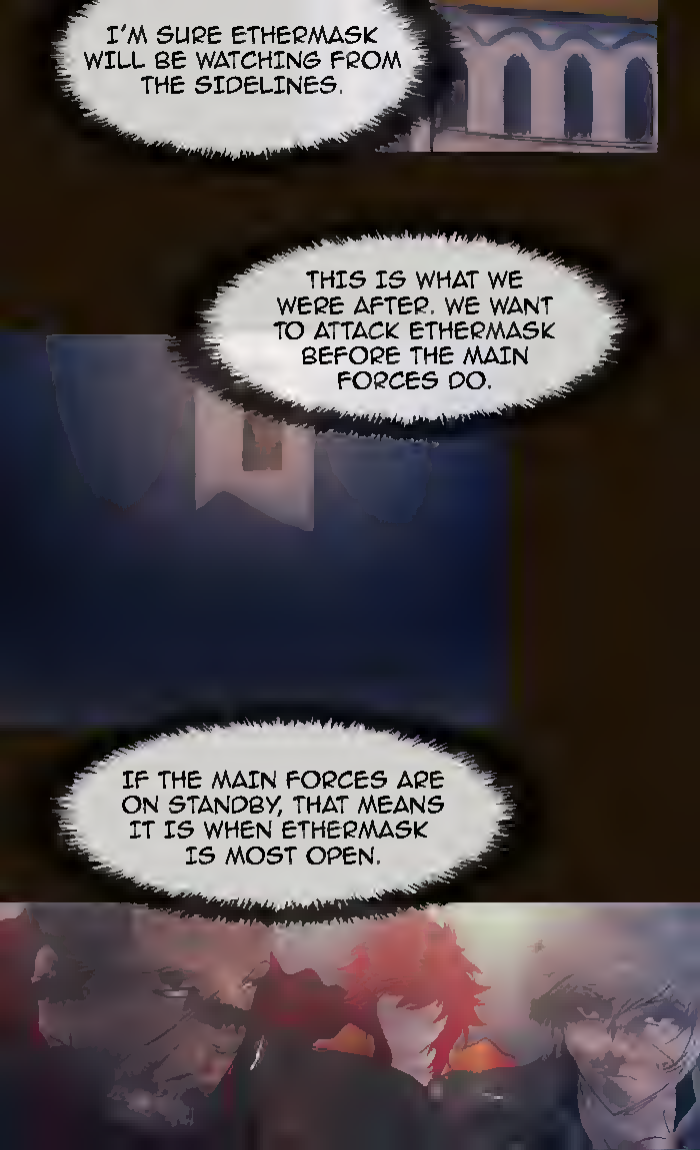
BANG
BANG
HMM...


IT'S GOOD THAT THEY'RE MOVING RIGHT AWAY.

WE CAN CATCH A BREATH WITH THIS

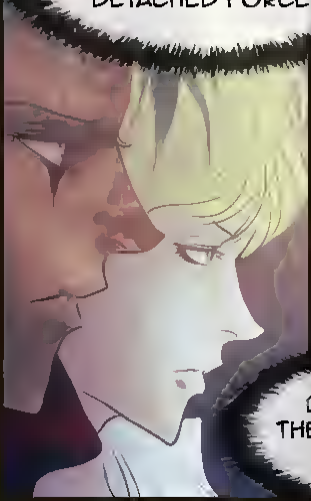
IT'S YOUR TURN NOW.


ETHERMASK ISN'T GOING FOR THE NORTH GATE.
THEY WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE NORTH GATE, BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO SHOW THE ENEMY THAT THEY'VE GOT MORE POWER.


I'M SURE ETHERMASK WILL BE WATCHING FROM THE SIDELINES.
THIS IS WHAT WE WERE AFTER. WE WANT TO ATTACK ETHERMASK BEFORE THE MAIN FORCES DO.
IF THE MAIN FORCES ARE ON STANDBY, THAT MEANS IT IS WHEN ETHERMASK IS MOST OPEN.

BUT JUST LIKE YOU SAID, BY TAKING OVER THIS GATE WILL DO...

THE ONLY ONES THAT WILL GET IN ARE ME, BREAKUS, AND THE SMALL AMOUNT OF DETACHED FORCES.



DETACHED FORCES... THE ONES THAT BREAKUS ORGANIZED?

YES, WE'RE GONNA MOVE WITH THE SMALLEST AMOUNT OF MEN POSSIBLE IN THE PALACE.

WE'RE GONNA MOVE FAST AND HIT ETHERMASK UNEXPECTEDLY.
IF EVERYTHING GOES WELL, WE'LL BE ABLE TO CATCH ETHERMASK.

BUT...
WHAT IF YOU GUYS FAIL IN BEATING ETHERMASK?
FAIL? HMM...

GET EVERYTHING YOU SEE AND BLOCK OFF THE SIDE ROADS.
LEAVE SPACE FOR THE MAIN ROAD AND START OFF TOWARDS THE WALL

IF WE FAIL IN BEATING ETHERMASK,
WE HAVE TO GIVE EVERYTHING UP,

AND RETREAT.
IT MAY SUCK, BUT THAT'S THE BEST THING TO DO.
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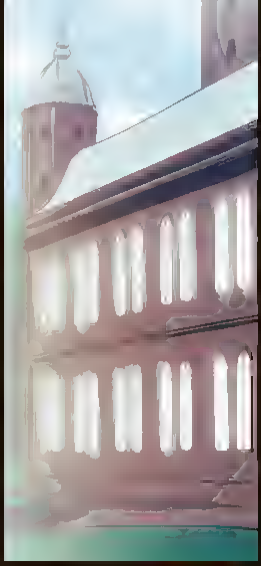
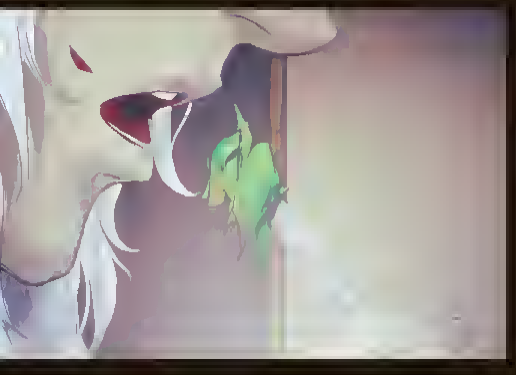


CLACK



MM. THEY MUST HAVE STARTED BY NOW.
YES.

HOW DO YOU THINK THINGS WILL TURN OUT WITH THIS BATTLE, HYUAN?
IF YOU THINK THERE ARE ANY VARIABLES, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR.
I THINK THAT IF IT'S PENELLIA AND ETHAN, THEY WILL BE MORE THAN LIKELY TO COMPLETE THE MISSION
HMM...

THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE THEIR TEAMWORK, RIGHT?
BESIDES THAT...
DON'T WORRY, AND JUST SAY IT

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF THE ETHERMASK IN PHYLLIS ISN'T REAL?

WE CAN'T TURN BACK NOW THAT WE'VE COME THIS FAR.
I'M SURE THERE WILL BE RESULTS THIS TIME.
.....

SSH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

BUT IT WOULD BE
NICE IF HE IS THE
REAL ONE

CLEAN ALL OF THIS UP. AND GET US SOME TEA.
YES, SIR ZENUS.

HAHAHA.
WHAT'S THERE NOT TO TRUST?

YOU LIVE WITH SUCH WORRIES THESE DAYS.

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SSH

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WE CAN FINALLY SEE THE FINISH LINE
IT TOOK SO LONG GETTING UP TO THIS POINT

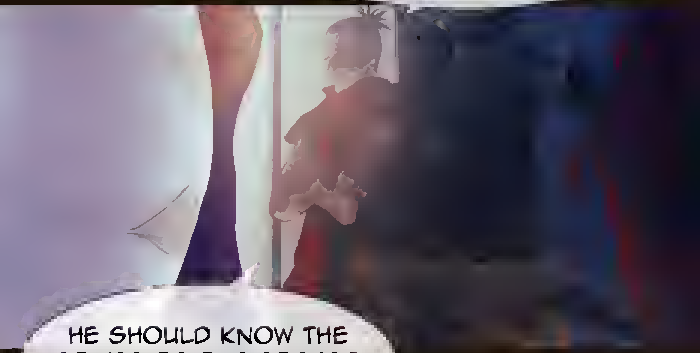
DO YOU THINK THEY WILL MOVE AS PLANNED?
ELLY, YOU CAN COME DOWN NOW
WE'LL HAVE TO HOPE SO.
I WAS SCARED WE WOULD GET CAUGHT.
IT'S NICE THAT SHE'S SO SMALL.
IT WAS HARD HOLDING ON, WASN'T IT?

ONE THING I'M SURE ABOUT IS...
WE'RE ABOUT TO CROSS A RIVER THAT WE CANNOT CROSS BACK NOW.
.....
WHEW- HOW SCARY.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS TO GET AWAY FROM THE PALACE GATE
IF THE FORCES KNOW WE'RE HERE, THINGS WILL GET COMPLICATED

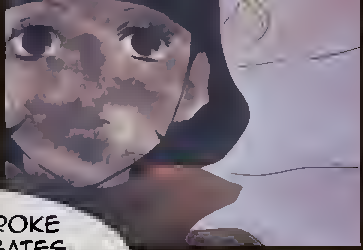
AND, I'M SURE ETHERMASK WILL BE ON THE MOVE.

HE FOR SURE WON'T GO TO THE NORTH GATE, BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY WHEN IT COMES TO THE WEST SIDE.



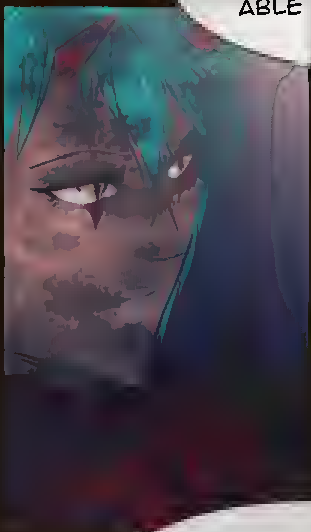
HE SHOULD KNOW THE POWER OF OUR FORCES AFTER THE AMBUSH EARLIER

SO, HE SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE LACKING IN MAGICIANS



EVEN IF WE BROKE THROUGH THE GATES, MOST OF THE MEN THERE ARE FOOT SOLDIERS

IF THEY WERE TO ADD ONE OR TWO SKILLED MAGICIANS, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO STOP THEM

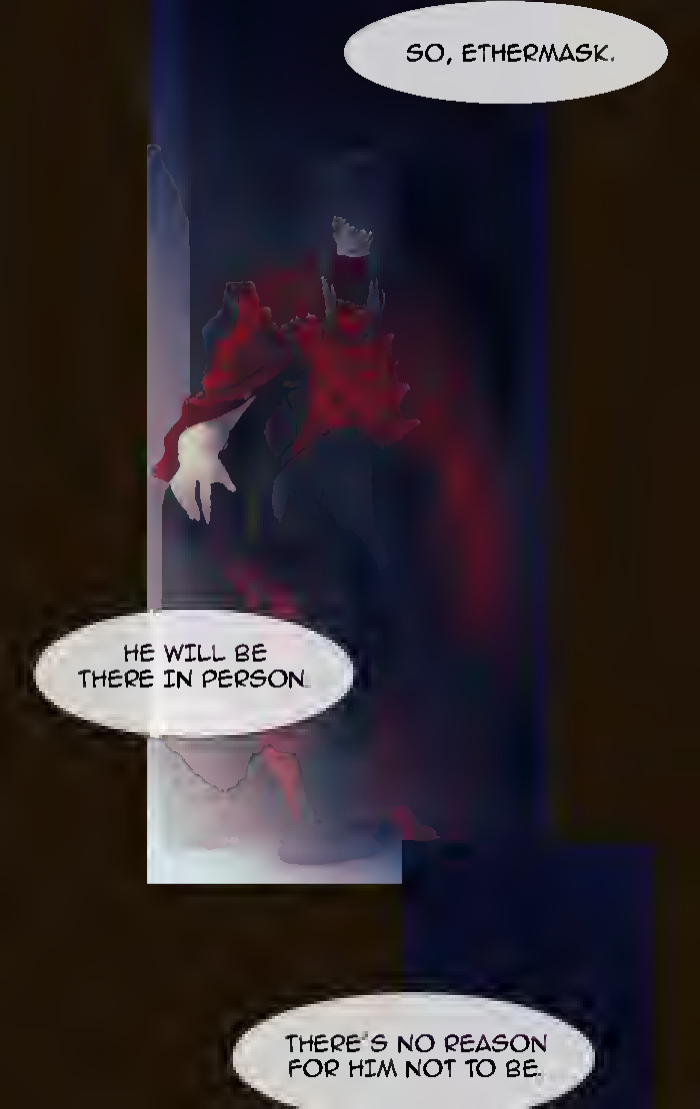


THEY MAY NOT HAVE MANY MAGICIANS, BUT...

EVEN IF THEY ARE GREATER IN NUMBER, THINGS CAN GET DANGEROUS.

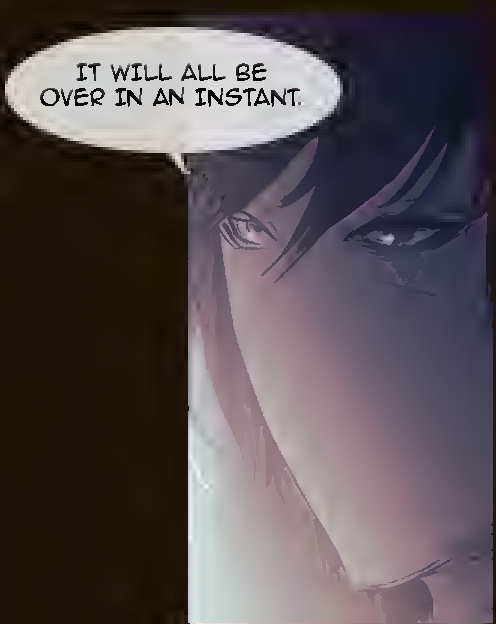
BUT, THEY CAN'T PULL OUT THE FORCES IN THE NORTH AND SEND THEM TO THE WEST.

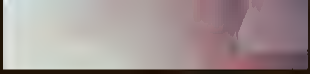
THEY WILL BE LOW ON REINFORCEMENTS.
THEN, THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON HERE.
ALL THE SKILLED MAGICIANS WILL BE AT THE NORTH GATE.


SO, ETHERMASK.
HE WILL BE THERE IN PERSON.
THERE'S NO REASON FOR HIM NOT TO BE.

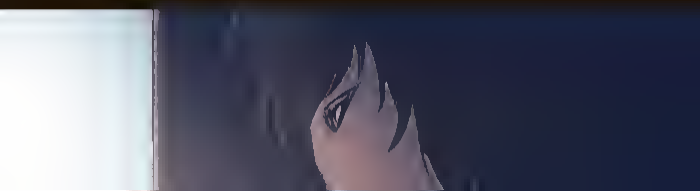
IT WOULD BE IN HIS BEST INTEREST TO BE THERE IN PERSON.
SIR ETHERMASK, THE WEST GATE...

I KNOW.
I WILL GO THERE IN PERSON.
SSH
WHAT? BUT...
DON'T WORRY.


IT WILL ALL BE
OVER IN AN INSTANT.



GIAS,
FIGURE OUT HOW MANY THERE ARE IN THE FORCES OF ENOCH

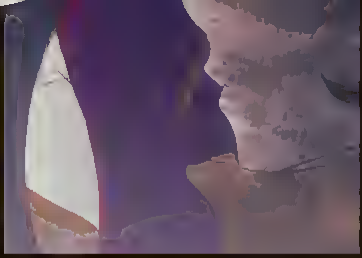


WE'LL CAUSE A FUSS, AND WE'LL MAKE ETHERMASK TURN HIS EYES TOWARDS US.
BUT, WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO MAKE A FUSS INSIDE HERE.
THINGS WILL GET COMPLICATED IF WE END UP RUNNING INTO ETHERMASK SOMEWHERE WEIRD
IT MAY BE A BIT DANGEROUS, BUT TO LURE ETHERMASK IN, WE HAVE TO BREAK THROUGH FAST.

MOST OF THE ELITE TROOPS ARE AT THE NORTH GATE, SO IT WILL BE A BIT MESSY, BUT IT ISN'T IMPOSSIBLE.
DOES THAT MEAN YOU TRUST US?
AH, WELL... YES.
YOU DRESSED UP NICELY TODAY.

WHAT?
WELL, I CAN'T SEE ETHERMASK LOOKING LIKE A BUM.
HAHA...
BUT I COVERED UP MYSELF WITH BLACK CLOTH AT NIGHT...

IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO MOLI.
SHE IS WEARING ALL WHITE.
AH~ ELLY IS PERFECT WHEN IT COMES IN THAT SENSE.
YOU WOULDN'T KNOW EVEN IF ELLY WAS RIGHT NEXT TO YOU.

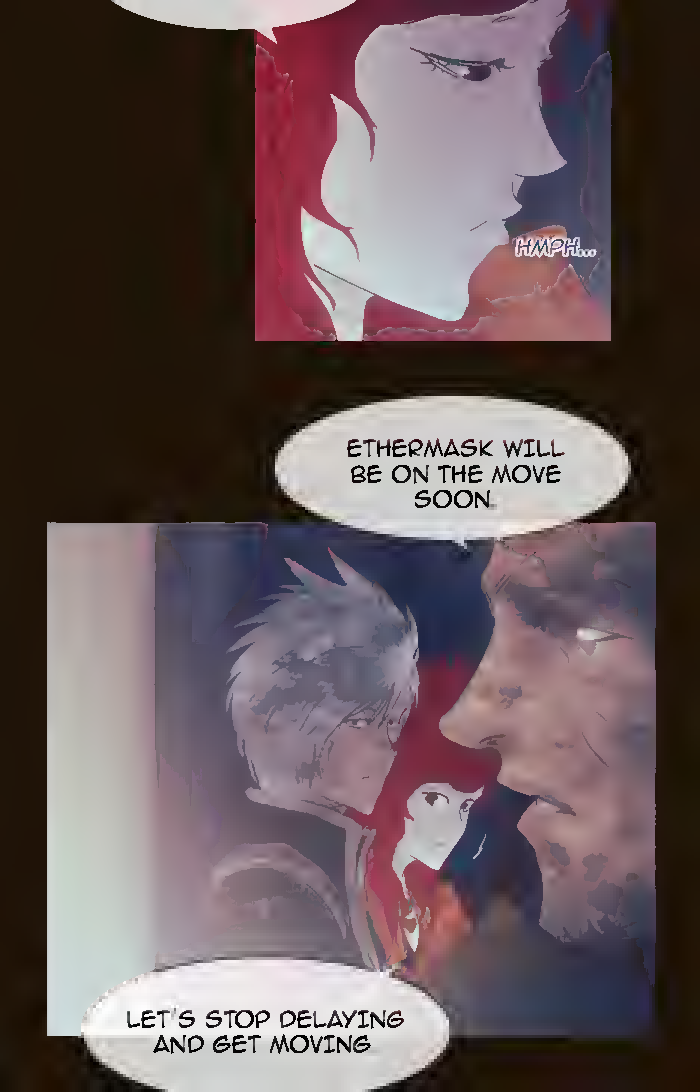


WELL, AS LONG AS WE DIDN'T GET CAUGHT.

MM...

GIRLS...

SO PICKY...

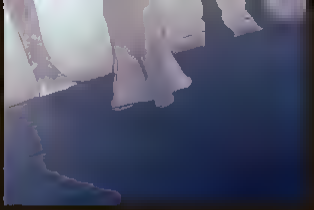

HMPH...
ETHERMASK WILL BE ON THE MOVE SOON
LET'S STOP DELAYING AND GET MOVING

UMM...

UNTIL WHEN
DO I...

THAT MUST BE A SORE.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.
HAHA, HAS IT BEEN?
ENZ WAS HAVING SO MUCH FUN IN THAT TIME. ME, METHEW, AND EVERYONE ELSE...

HEH.
I WAS GONNA ASK SOON ANYWAYS
THIS IS OUT OF MY POWER NOW.

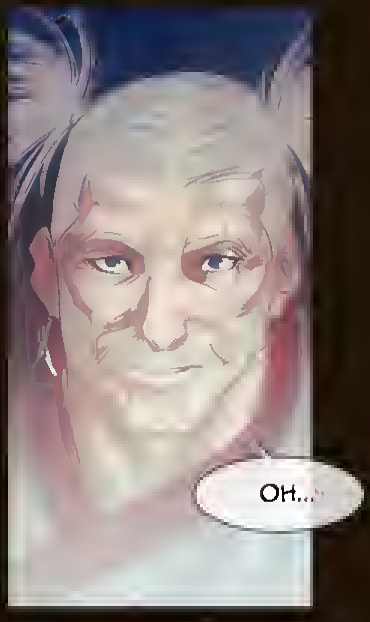


I HOPE THAT
YOU HANDLE THINGS.

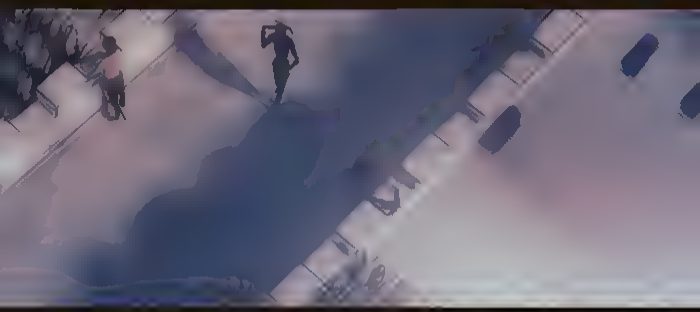
OKAY!!!

THEN, FROM HERE
ON OUT...

I'LL PAVE THE WAY.


OH...

WHAT AMAZING GUYS.



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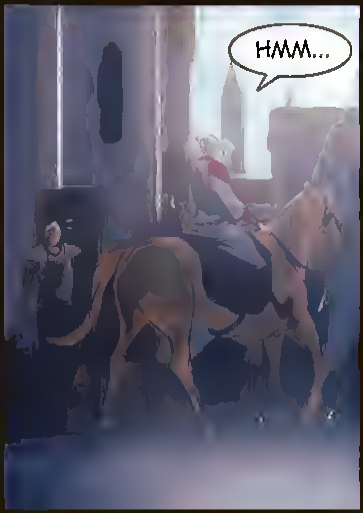
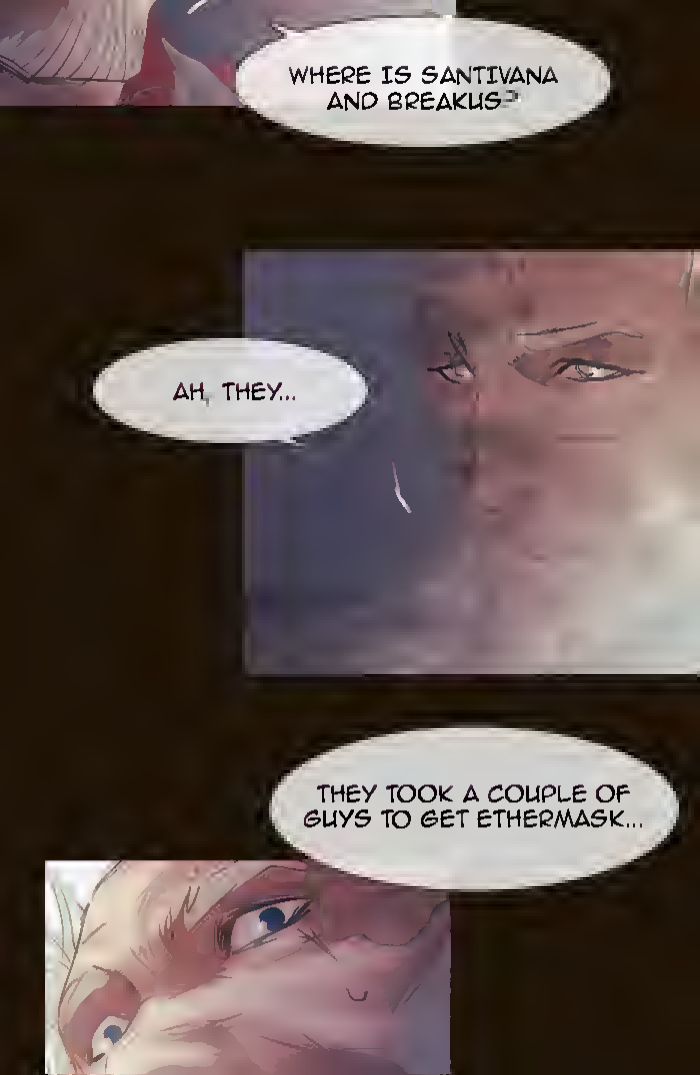

HMM...

IS THIS ALL YOUR WORK?
SANTIVANA MADE THE PLANS.
I SEE.

DISOBEYING YOUR ORDER...
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.
BUT...

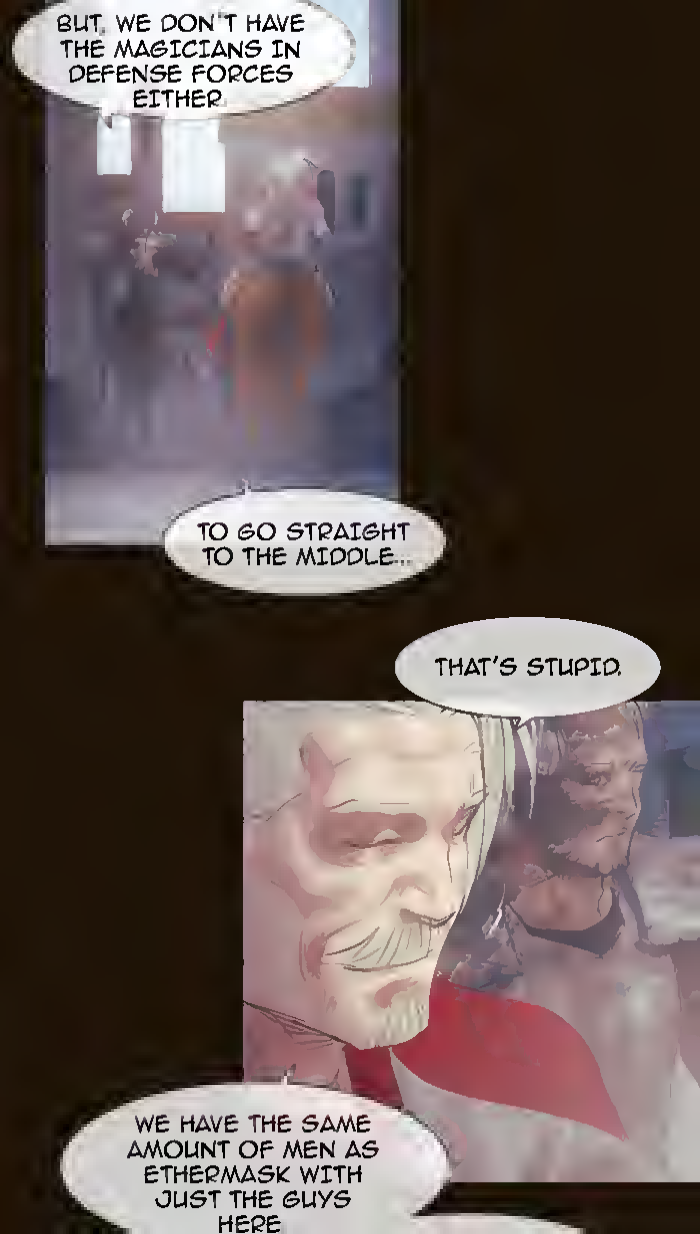

WHERE IS SANTIVANA AND BREAKUS?
AH, THEY...
THEY TOOK A COUPLE OF GUYS TO GET ETHERMASK...

WHAT?!!!
GOSH, THEY DON'T TRUST US AT ALL

I GUESS THEY DON'T WANT TO LOSE TO THE MAIN FORCES.
BUT, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AH...
THOSE FORCES ARE FILLED WITH ELITE SOLDIERS, SO MAGIC ATTACK WON'T HELP MUCH.

WE WERE DEFENDING THE GATE WHILE WAITING FOR THE DEFENSE FORCES
HMM...
ARE YOU JUST GONNA LET THEM HAVE THE BEST PART?
YOU GUYS CAME ALL THE WAY HERE. YOU CAN'T JUST STEP BACK THAT

EASILY.
WE DIDN'T JUST COME HERE TO PLAY...
WE'LL LEAVE A GROUP HERE, AND WE'LL GO IN TO GET ETHERMASK


BUT, WE DON'T HAVE THE MAGICIANS IN DEFENSE FORCES EITHER.
TO GO STRAIGHT TO THE MIDDLE..
THAT'S STUPID.
WE HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MEN AS ETHERMASK WITH JUST THE GUYS HERE

ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE MAIN FORCES?

EVEN IF WE MAY HAVE SOME LOSSES, WE HAVE TO STRIKE WHILE WE HAVE THE CHANCE

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU LOOKED AT ME UNTIL NOW, BUT...

YOU...

CLANK

CLANK

HUMM
HUMM
.....

GRIN
...CAN CALL ME A MAGICIAN IF NEED BE.
GET READY.

WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT FOR ETHERMASK.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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